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## Local Matters.

### Suicide by Shooting.

Captain Nathan M. Russell, one of Newport's old time sea captains, committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver about five o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Captain Russell had of late been in very poor health, having suffered from a cancer on his arm. Amputation of the diseased member was recommended as the proper method to prevent a fatal termination of the growth. This he was opposed to, saying that he preferred to end his life rather than lose his arm. In consequence of a belief among his friends that he would commit suicide he had been closely watched, but Wednesday afternoon he was alone for a short time and, securing a revolver that he had concealed, committed the rash act. He was at once discovered by his attendant but was dead before a physician could reach him. Medical Examiner Eeroyd was summoned and pronounced it a case of suicide.

Captain Russell was an old seafaring man and had passed an eventful life. For many years previous to returning to this city he had followed the sea, and rose to be captain on the Morgan line, running from New York to the West Indies. He came to Newport in 1870, having been engaged to command the steamer *Eolus* of the Wickford line. He retained his command until 1880, when he retired. He was at one time undergoing treatment at a marine hospital for his trouble, but soon returned to Newport where he has since resided, making his home with his sister at her home on Pope street, until her death. Since then he has lived alone, although another sister, Mrs. Burdick, lived near him. He was one of the few surviving members of the Newport Marine Society.

### Board of Aldermen.

At a special meeting of the board of aldermen Thursday afternoon, the city clerk was directed to prepare an alphabetical list of all those persons in the city liable to jury duty.

The following licenses were granted: Tavern—John Brennan, Patrick H. Corbett, George E. Houghton, James M. Mead, Jeremiah J. Shea and Charles E. Guenther; Eating House—George Seaford, Nicholas Mitchell, Fruit—James Cullen; Intelligence Office—Robert A. Carter; Exhibition License—Forepaugh and Sells Bros.; Circus and Schneider, Allen and Company; Fireworks—Theodore Bigalke and A. O. Landers & Son. The applications of Marshall H. Dorrance and Joseph Neilson for fruit licenses were referred to the chief of police.

The General Assembly this week amended the charter of the Sea View railroad giving the company the right to extend its tracks from Wickford through North Kingstown to East Greenwich where they will connect with the tracks of the Suburban line, extending into Providence. The town council of North Kingstown has also granted the right of way, and the road has a force of one hundred and fifty people to put to work at once. It is expected to have the extended line in operation this summer.

At the annual meeting and election of officers of the Newport Naval Reserve Company Thursday evening, Charles E. Lawton was elected lieutenant commanding, and W. A. Richardson was elected senior ensign. The offices of junior lieutenant and junior ensign were not filled. The affairs of the company are now in a prosperous condition and the drills show that the men are in a high state of proficiency.

On the Artillery company's bowling alleys Thursday evening there was a duck pin match between the Crescents and the Newports, which was won by the latter by a score of 1167 to 1162. The Crescents were made up of R. G. Biesel, H. Smith, H. M. Sherman, George F. Bliss and Frank N. Fuller; the Newports, R. Adams, W. Borden, J. Donnelly, John S. Tobin, H. Bradley.

The annual gymnastic exhibition of the Y. M. C. A. will be held at the Opera House next Monday evening. Considerable talent of a high order has been developed during the winter's practice in the gymnasium.

Hon. and Mrs. Perry Belmont came on from New York for a few days this week.

### Soldiers Dine.

Newport Artillery Company Gives an Elaborate Banquet to the Members and Guests.

The annual meeting of the Newport Artillery Company on the one hundred and fifty-ninth anniversary of its organization was marked by a pleasing innovation, in that the company was arranged for a banquet, to which the active, honorary and fine members and invited guests sat down. The feature was a new one, but one that it is proposed to continue at subsequent annual meetings.

The armory was elaborately decorated for the occasion, the entire floor, with the exception of a small space reserved for the reception of guests, being given over to the tables. Large palms, flowers and potted plants were artistically distributed about the room, and on the table were candlesticks formed of inverted bayonets, the lights being shielded by becoming red shades. The national colors and the company flag were much in evidence. The signal to be seated was given by the sounding of "colors" on the bugle, when a small flag was run to its staff and kept fluttering in the breeze created by an electric fan.

After the elaborate menu had been disposed of, Colonel Bliss delivered an address of welcome in a few well chosen words, and introduced Lieut. Colonel Richardson as toast master. The toasts and responses were as follows: "The President of the United States," Hon. John H. Cozzens; "The State of Rhode Island," Hon. J. W. Horton; "The City of Newport," Hon. Patrick J. Boyle; "The Grand Army of the Republic," Past Department Commander A. K. McMahon, Commander Wm. O. Milne; "The Naval Reserves," Lieutenant Charles E. Lawton; "Our Honorary Members," Mr. George E. Vernon; "Our Fine Members," Col. Andrew K. McMahon; "Our Past Commanders," Colonel George H. Vaughan; "Our Chaplain," Chaplain Emory H. Porter; "The Press," Mr. Fred M. Hammett.

A short intermission followed, after which the company was called to order to transact the business of the annual meeting. The reports of various officers were read and received. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Colonel—Herbert Bliss.  
Lieutenant Colonel—John D. Richardson.  
Major—William H. Sayer.  
Captain—Edward E. Cooper.  
Adjutant—Frank S. Patterson.  
Quartermaster—Frank E. King.  
Paymaster—George W. Tilly.  
Commissary—Howard H. Peckham.  
Surgeon—C. E. Tucker, M. D.  
Assistant Surgeon—Charles M. Cole.  
Chaplain—Rev. Emory H. Porter.  
Assistant Paymaster—Silas H. Hazard.  
Inspector of Rifle Practice—Francis N. Feltner.  
Sergeants—George W. Flagg, William Knowe, John L. Austin, Frank G. Wilbur, George Melville.  
Ensigns—Committee—Paymaster George W. Tilly, Sergeant George W. Flagg, Corporal J. L. Barker, Private A. T. Bailey, Private H. M. Ackers.

Rapid transit along Thames street is at present a physical impossibility. The new sidewalks are the cause of a portion of obstructions and repairs to the Thames street pavement account for more. The walks on the east side of Thames street from Washington square to Mill street are in the hands of the "grindlithie" men, while the pavement gang began work at the postoffice and are working northward. The repairs to the pavement are not exactly artistic, but the completed work will be an improvement over the large holes in the old pavement. Bellevue avenue is also in the hands of the highway department, both steam rollers being engaged there. Broadway is also receiving some much needed repairs, and in all parts of the city the sidewalks are being torn up, and Newport presents a very busy appearance.

Miss Annie H. Easton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Easton, who has been critically ill for some time past at her residence on Spring street, is still reported to be in a serious condition, showing little signs of improvement.

Mr. M. H. Ball has resumed his duties as deputy collector at the Custom House after a two months' visit in the South. Mr. Ball is much improved in health as a result of his vacation.

The Young Men's Christian Association has begun the work of removing its quarters from Thames street to the newly acquired Pell estate on Mary street.

Mr. William West, formerly of this city, has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. George H. Taylor, the past week. Mr. West is a member of the Andrews Opera Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry were visitors in this city during the past week. They will open their summer residence here about the middle of May.

Mrs. William S. Lawton, mother of Mr. William S. Lawton, who has been seriously ill at her residence on Elm street, is reported to be slowly improving.

A new launch for the use of the harbor master has been received this week.

### Deaths of the Week.

William Wallace Sampson.

Mr. William Wallace Sampson died very suddenly at his home on Broadway Saturday evening. About a year ago Mr. Sampson had an attack of Bright's disease and was under physicians' care for many months. He had gradually recovered his health, however, and was supposed to be quite well again, so that he was anxious to resume his duties as conductor on the Consolidated road. On Saturday he was out of his house during the most of the day. In the morning he called upon several of his friends, as was his habit, and in the afternoon attended the funeral of the late John H. Jordan. In the evening he was again on the street, returning home at about nine o'clock. He complained of not feeling well, and was seized with an attack of vomiting. He partially undressed and sat down on the edge of his bed. When his family tried to arouse him it was found that life was extinct. A physician was hastily summoned, but too late to be of service.

Mr. Sampson had a multitude of friends and probably not an enemy in the world. Quiet and unassuming, he was a man of sterling honesty, faithful in his duties, and exceedingly capable in his chosen line of work. He adhered staunchly to his friends, nor could he be induced to speak ill of anyone. He was always ready with a word of encouragement or appreciation and never failed to express his gratitude for favors that he received. As a member of various fraternal societies he was known as one of those willing to contribute their services or money to whatever plan might be under contemplation. He will be truly mourned by all his friends and the community will greatly miss his familiar figure and his kindly, cheering words.

Mr. Sampson was born in Kingston, Mass., sixty years ago. In 1858 he entered the employ of the Old Colony railroad, being assigned to duty in the station at Boston. He came to Newport on the first train and was the first ticket agent of the road in this city. When he was transferred to Fall River, Mr. W. T. Stevens was assigned to Newport. After serving for some time in the station at Fall River he went on the road as conductor, continuing in that position up to about a year ago, when sickness prevented his further attention to his duties. He was the oldest conductor on the Old Colony division with one exception. Some eight years ago Mr. Sampson was appointed temporary superintendent of the Warren and Bristol branch and performed his duties satisfactorily. His position as conductor was more agreeable to him than the higher position, however.

Mr. Sampson was a direct descendant of Governor Bradford of the Massachusetts colony. Early in life he married Miss Gifford of Nantucket by whom he had one son, Mr. Joseph W. Sampson, who is also a conductor on the Consolidated road. He took an active interest in Masonry, being a 2nd degree mason; he was a member of Ionia Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Taunton, of Newport Chapter, R. A. M., of this city. He was a past commander of Washington Commandery, and a member of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Knights Templars; he was a charter member of Weonat Shasitt Tribe of Red Men, and a member of Malbone Lodge, N. E. O. P.

Funeral services were held from Channing Memorial Church Wednesday afternoon. The remains were escorted from his late residence to the church by Weonat Shasitt Tribe and Washington Commandery, headed by the Newport Band. Rev. George W. Cutter performed the services at the church. The floral tributes were very elaborate and costly. The bearers were Past Grand Commander John P. Sanborn of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Past Commanders John H. Wetherell, George E. Vernon, Andrew J. DeBois, William B. Scott and Duncan McLean of Washington Commandery, Past Commander John H. Davis of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery of Fall River, and Past Commander Smith B. Harrington of Hugh de Payens Commandery of Melrose, Mass.

Abbie Easton Braman.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Braman have had the sympathy of a large circle of relatives and friends the past week in the loss of their fourteen-year-old daughter, Abbie Easton Braman, who died on Sunday last. Little Abbie was a bright and particularly attractive girl, and made friends with all with whom she came in contact, and her loss will not only be felt in her household, where she was very dear to them all, but also by her playmates and outside associates. Although she had not been well for some time past, yet hopes were entertained for her recovery, but a few weeks ago typhoid fever set in and she was called at an early age from this earthly

home to her heavenly one, leaving a broken hearted mother and father, and two sisters to mourn her loss, besides a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Her funeral was solemnized on Wednesday from her parents' residence on Farewell street, and was largely attended by relatives and friends. Rev. Charles F. Beattie, rector of the Zabriske Memorial Church of St. John the Evangelist, read the solemn ritual service of the Protestant Episcopal church. The bearers, who were young relatives and friends of the deceased, were Charles S. Plummer, Jr., Harold R. Chase, James Chase, Harry Chase, George Ward and Norman B. Cole. The floral offerings were both numerous and beautiful. The interment was in the Branham Cemetery on Long Lane.

Mrs. Joseph Clark.

Mrs. Evelina Clark, wife of Mr. Joseph Clark, died at the residence of her husband on Cross street on Saturday last. A short time ago she suffered from a severe attack of the grippe, which finally, with other troubles, resulted in her death. Her funeral was solemnized from her residence on Tuesday last, and was attended by relatives and friends. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of the Thames Street M. E. Church. The bearers were Deacon William B. Franklin, Deacon William P. Carr, Rev. S. I. Carr and Mr. John M. Swan, all members of the Central Baptist Church, where the deceased was a worshipper.

Daniel M. C. Stedman.

News was received on Thursday last of the death at Wakefield, R. I., of Mr. Daniel M. C. Stedman, who had passed away in his ninetieth year. Mr. Stedman was president of the Narragansett Pier railroad and also president of the Wakefield National Bank. He leaves three children: Mrs. S. H. Hale, of Narragansett Pier; Mrs. Samuel I. Carr, of this city, and Miss Julia Stedman, of Wakefield. The deceased was grandfather of Letter Carrier John S. Carr and Daniel Carr, of this city.

### New Block Island Boat.

The General Assembly has this week passed an act authorizing the town of New Shoreham to invest \$50,000 in a new boat to ply between the Island and Newport and Providence. In order for the money to be available the tax payers must vote for it and it requires a majority vote. The town is to appoint three directors in the company. There is no doubt but what the development of the town demands better steamers, and better connection with the main land. The growth of Block Island as a summer resort is but just begun. With better and more rapid means of transportation the growth would be phenomenal. It is understood that it is the intention of the promoters of the plan to move at once towards getting the new boat, so as to have it in operation at an early date.

### Tax Assessment.

The tax assessors have fixed the tax rate for the year at \$11 on \$1000, the same as last year. The real estate valuation this year is \$92,161,500 and personal \$7,575,700, making a total valuation of \$99,737,200, an increase of \$1,616,300 over the valuation of last year. The total tax this year is \$437,113.60. The figures for the last five years are as follows:

Year.	Val. Real.	Val. Per.	Total	Rate
1896	\$82,161,500	\$7,575,700	\$89,737,200	\$11.00
1897	81,488,100	6,888,300	88,376,400	11.00
1898	80,922,400	6,244,400	87,166,800	11.00
1899	83,812,000	5,265,000	89,077,000	11.00
1900	92,161,500	7,575,700	99,737,200	11.00

The funeral of Mrs. Rebecca Briggs, widow of Captain Briggs, occurred from the Zabriske Memorial Church of St. John the Evangelist, and was attended by relatives and friends of the deceased, Rev. C. F. Beattie officiating. While health and strength lasted Mrs. Briggs was a faithful attendant at St. John's Church, and her death removes another of the older members from that church.

Mr. William Tower, of Newport, and Miss Nellie Brydson, of Fall River, were united in marriage on Wednesday last at St. Louis Church, in Fall River, Rev. Father Fogarty officiating. A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Tower will take up their residence in this city.

Mrs. Ashton Yates, formerly of this city but now of Providence, has been visiting relatives in this city the past week. She expects to sail for Europe about the middle of May.

Scup's come. They are not plentiful as yet however and are high in price. The next few days will probably see a large number landed here.

Mr. F. P. Garrettson has offered a cash prize for a cutter race to be pulled on the Fourth of July.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Coudray are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

### A Home Wedding.

The wedding of Miss Dorcas Rogers Coggeshall, daughter of Mrs. George Champlin, and Mr. James Irving Shepley, son of Alderman and Mrs. William Shepley, took place at Mr. and Mrs. George Champlin's residence on Third street on Wednesday evening last, and was witnessed by relatives and immediate friends. The parlor, where the ceremony took place, was decorated very prettily with palms and cut flowers. Rev. Brewer G. Boardman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Mrs. B. P. Coggeshall, a sister-in-law of the bride, played the wedding march. The bride's dress was of pearl gray, and she had as her bridesmaid, Miss Annie Ray Shepley, a sister of the groom, who wore pink. Mr. Freeborne S. Coggeshall, brother of the bride, acted as best man.

A reception followed the ceremony, and after a collation had been served Mr. and Mrs. Shepley were driven to their future home on Channing street.

### Police Commission Bill.

On Tuesday of this week Mr. Sheffield of Newport introduced in the General Assembly a bill creating a police commission and license commission for the city of Newport. This bill calls for a commission of three men to be appointed by the Governor, residents and citizens of Newport, who shall have the granting of all licenses of every description. They shall also have full charge of the police and be held responsible for the proper enforcement of the laws, particularly those relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors. The bill is quite a lengthy one, going into many details but the above are the main points. It places the city of Newport on the same plane as most of the cities of Massachusetts, and it is thought by many that such an act will aid very materially in the enforcement of the laws.

At the tenth annual session of the Grand Council of Rhode Island, Royal Arcanum, Hon. Robert S. Franklin of this city was elected grand regent, and Mr. Edward L. Spencer of this city was re-elected grand treasurer. Col. Andrew K. McMahon was appointed a member of the committee on laws.

Governor Dyer has appointed the Commissioners on Island Fisheries as follows: Henry T. Root of Providence, William P. Morton of Johnston, J. M. K. Southwick of Newport, Charles W. Willard of Westerly, William H. Boardman of Cumberland, and H. C. Humphreys of Providence.

Mr. M. S. Gibson, the lessee of the Thorndike at Jamestown, was hastily summoned to his home in Canada Thursday night on account of the serious illness of his mother, who is about eighty years of age.

On Monday evening last Rev. Henry Morgan Stone, rector of Trinity Church, assisted by Rev. E. J. Dennen, entertained the vestrymen of that church at dinner at the Muehlinger-King Cottage.

Mr. Frank P. Vincent, formerly clerk at the Perry House, died in North Stonington on Monday of this week.

### Election of Officers.

Star of the East Society.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Aaron C. Perry. Vice President—Edward C. Richards. Secretary—Jefferson Marrow. Assistant Secretary—Augustus Gilbert. Treasurer—Charles S. Rice. Assistant Treasurer—Jacob Dorsey. Banknote Committee—Henry N. Jeter, James Hall, Charles S. Rice. Stewards—Lewis Smith, Charles Palmer, Lewis Johns, Robert Francis, James Hall, Augustus Gilbert, Edward N. Simmons.

Twentieth Century Club.

On Sunday last the Twentieth Century Club installed the following officers for the ensuing year: President—M. P. Egan. Vice President—C. G. Schantz. Treasurer—J. J. Sullivan. Secretary—J. F. Hogan.

After the installation a collation was served. The members are talking of holding a social in Odd Fellows Hall during the month of May.

The Unity Club.

The Unity Club held their annual meeting on Tuesday evening last in the Channing Parlor and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Dr. A. F. Squire. First Vice President—Mr. A. O. Taylor, Jr. Second Vice President—Miss Elizabeth H. Sanborn. Secretary—Mr. William H. Lee. Treasurer—Mr. Walter A. Wright.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Benjamin G. Palmer, the retiring Treasurer, who declined a re-election. Mr. Palmer has held the position as Treasurer for a period of eleven years, and has proved himself a trust worthy and valuable friend to the society, and retires much to the regret of all the members.

Shiloh Baptist Society.

President—James Richardson. Treasurer—Amos Ad Hurley. Secretary—Rev. H. N. Jeter. Directors—Stephen G. Payne, Andrew Tate.

### Middletown.

The Town Council met pursuant to adjournment at the Town Hall on Monday afternoon. A list of persons qualified to serve as jurors for the next judicial year was made up as required by law.

The limits of the highway districts were made the same as in 1899, and the sum of \$150, apportioned to each surveyor. Instructions in detail as to mode of repair were given and Henry I. Chase for District No. 1, Lionel H. Peabody for District No. 2, Arthur L. Peckham for District No. 3, and Reston S. Peckham for District No. 4, were appointed to advise and direct the surveyor of their respective District in the work of repairing the highways.

William P. Sheffield, Jr., Attorney of the Newport & Fall River Street Railway Company presented a petition for permission to locate a switch or turnout on Bailey's Hill, near the residence of Thomas S. Lawton, the plan being to abandon the one now located near the Alley Road. The petition was granted and the Company allowed to move the switch as desired under the direction of Messrs. Lionel H. Peabody and Henry I. Chase, as Committee.

For covering with a layer of crushed stone about 150 feet of the West Main Road, south of Chase's Lane, three bids were received. The stone was specified to be applied by the ton, and James Corrigan was the lowest bidder at \$1.731 per ton and obtained the contract for doing the work. The other two bidders were C. Henry Congdon and J. Overton Peckham who each bid \$1.79 per ton. William H. Lawton was accepted as surety on the bond required of the contractor and Lionel H. Peabody and Henry I. Chase were appointed a committee to superintend the work.

In Court of Probate the petition of Mary L. Williams to prove the will of Ann Sarah Peckham, and to appoint Nathaniel Peckham administrator with will annexed on her estate, and the petition of George and Francis J. Coggeshall to appoint Joshua and Fillmore Coggeshall administrators on the estate of Mary A. Coggeshall were referred to the third Monday of May and notice ordered on each.

The elderly people of Middletown seem to be passing away in quick succession, and another was added to the list on the eighteenth instant in the death of Mrs. Mary A. Coggeshall. Mrs. Coggeshall was the daughter of Pardon Brown and the widow of George C. Coggeshall. She had lived a life rich in the experience of many family cares and duties, which she had managed to meet and discharge with faithfulness and fidelity. She was the mother of eleven children, five of whom only attained to manhood and womanhood, and of whom four sons still survive her. Her husband deceased in January, 1853, leaving her with the rearing and guidance of a quite numerous family, a task which she strove to perform as fully as possible. Possessed of a cheerful temperament and contented mind, she was enabled to bear her burdens without repining, while rendering to her family all the affection and service that a true maternal instinct inspired.

### Portsmouth.

Miss Ella Field and Mrs. George Kilton of Providence have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eldredge, of Bristol Ferry. They were present at the "wooden wedding" party recently given by Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge.

The Eureka spring water that has been found on the farm of Mr. Benjamin E. Anthony, who resides near Portsmouth Grove, comes from a boiling spring near his house. This water has been analyzed by a chemist at Rhode Island Agricultural Experiment Station, who declared it to be unequalled for desirable qualities as a drinking water. Mr. Anthony invites the public to visit the spring and inspect the water.

The town council held a special session at the town clerk's office on Friday evening, April 20. A list of all persons in the town liable to do jury duty for the year ending July, 1901, was prepared.

H. Read, treasurer, and F. Sweeney, superintendent, appeared before the town council and petitioned for permission to change the location of the switches on the Newport & Fall River electric road. The petition was referred to the session of the town council to be held on April 27.

Bill for allowance of town council for this session of \$5 was paid to Robert H. Manchester.

Mr. Charles E. Chase, who is in the employ of the George A. Weaver Company, Newport, having hired a home at the corner of Broadway and Pleasant street, has removed to the same from this town.

Mr. Hoffman, the new minister of the Friends' meeting has arrived, and preached for that society on Sunday last.

The town council and town clerk received cards of invitation for the collation at, and the inspection of the new state house, on Tuesday last.

The King's Daughters were entertained by Mrs. Isaac L. Sherman on Thursday afternoon and evening.

The building, formerly owned by C. C. and C. E. Chase, was sold at auction on Monday, to the mortgagee, Benjamin Tallman, for \$2,520.

There was a very large crowd in the town hall, on Tuesday evening, to attend the reception and dance given to Mr. Herman Rounds, by the car men of the Newport & Fall River electric railroads. Mr. Rounds has been a motor man on this road since it was first started, and has now resigned his position to join the Alaskan party that left this town for Cape Nome on Wednesday. Mr. Jacob Almy, with his son, Mr. Levi Almy, and Mr. William Butler, are also of the party.

There will be a special town meeting on Wednesday, May 2, to finish the business, that in former years has been transacted in the April meeting.

## The Ring of the Motherhood.

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## CHAPTER I.

## THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTESS.

Things were pretty stormy in the house that morning. There had been a small dance the night before. Uncle Gardner had been unpleasant enough over that. He always made it a point to expatiate on the extravagance of Mrs. Rodney or the girls, as the case might be, when he was drawn on for money. Mr. Josiah Gardner had made a fortune and had rubbed his temper doing it. He had had to put his nose to the grindstone for years, and now that he was relieved of that humiliating combination he tried to even up things by subjecting others to a like harrowing conjunction.

They were all thoroughly tired of it, no one more so, however, than Florence Rodney. She was a little, pretty girl of 20, a graduate of Vassar and thoroughly up to date in athletics. It was a comfort to her to reflect that she lived in an age when women rode, swam, fenced, wheeled, and could make a fair showing with men at tennis, golf and other physical diversions.

Miss Rodney was an admirable exponent of the benefit of air, exercise and freedom for her sex. Her walk was springy and graceful, and she carried herself as straight as a soldier. It was a source of immense solace to her in all the phases of her physical well being to feel her every muscle firm and strong and to know that her flesh, her heart and her lungs were in the best possible condition.

Mrs. Rodney was a widow with little money, two daughters to marry off and a mind given to the things of this world. When her husband had left her impoverished, the sense of blood ties and family duty had induced her brother, Josiah Gardner, to take charge of her and her daughters. But he had this unpleasant fashion of complaining about money matters. Mrs. Rodney's one argument in defense of their expenses was the need of getting the girls well married. This meant marrying them to men of means and good social position—rich men, anyhow. For Mrs. Rodney was convinced that money was enough of an "open sesame" for New York society at all events. If a man had not the blood or manners of a thorough gentleman, a skillful wife who was a lady could pilot him through the shoals all right. Most American husbands, except the few who are young society men, do not figure very prominently in the social phases of their families. They generally have the air of being casual and bored assistants at functions of this kind, and not much is expected of them except to pay the bills.

Miss Rodney was rather a restless filly and gave her worthy mother many an occasion for fretful dissatisfaction. She had a will of her own, and her tastes, as has been said, were for athletic pastimes and not for society, though she was fond of dancing and handsome gowns. She did not show that keen desire for lagging some eligible man which her mother would have liked. Mrs. Rodney had not infrequently complained of this in her eldest daughter.

"I should think you would want to get married and settled and not have to feel that your uncle is bawling his heart out every penny he puts out for what he thinks is our extravagant living. You know, I am doing all I can."

Miss Rodney would try to keep her temper over maternal nagging of this kind and generally succeeded by declining to argue the point. She was content to go her way, and go her way she did. In justice to Mrs. Rodney it must be admitted that she gave only what entertainments she felt she could not escape and keep in the swim at all. She had to keep there, for the sort of men whom she wished the girls to marry were there, and there must be opportunity for them to meet such men. Uncle Gardner was not quite as mean as he appeared to be. They generally got what they wanted. He simply made the matter more pleasant for himself by growing over things and tendering the women unhappily.

He had gone away for the night of the dance and had not been expected to return until the second day after it so as to allow the house and the inmates time to get back to the normal. But he had got disgusted with something at the hotel and came home the next day, full of a faint finding disposition. The women groaned in spirit at this unexpected advent of the head of the family. Rose, the younger daughter, was perfectly in accord with her mother's views and helped her in her aims as far as she could. Her uncle she humored and cajoled as well as a pretty but not very clever girl could humor and cajole a keen, cranky old man. Mrs. Rodney felt that it was a little unfortunate that the characters of her two daughters were not reversed. Miss Rodney ought to be disposed first in the matrimonial market, as she was the elder. If she were as compliant as Rose, this consummation would not be so hard a one to effect. But Florence Rodney was nice to the men that she liked rather than to those whom it was her policy to attract. Her sturdy independent American spirit recoiled from deliberate efforts in this direction. She was determined that she wouldn't marry anybody unless she both liked and respected him and she wouldn't try to bring any man she could not feel toward in this way to the point of proposing needlessly.

Uncle Gardner's fine, crusty spirit was in great form this morning after the dance. With the pleasant sense that he was away the household had indulged in a much later breakfast hour than they could when he was at home. He liked to breakfast at 8, and insisted on having his family present at the meal. After being up late the night before this was not always a comforting thing to do for the women folk.

"What's the object of having breakfast at this hour of the day?" he inquired in his dry, caustic manner.

tired, and so I had breakfast a little later this morning. I did not expect you would be back so soon, Josiah."

"What! Breakfast at 11 o'clock?" he asked, with the most exaggerated astonishment. "I suppose you'll have dinner at half past 9."

Mrs. Rodney fell back on silence, since her brother had put this as a supposition and not as a question. At this moment Miss Rodney came in with a bicycle costume on. Mr. Gardner, who affected to have a great regard for the proprieties of women's dress, was roused anew by the sight of his niece's leggings and trim brown derby. It was certainly a mannish sort of costume, but it was not violently so. Miss Rodney looked exceedingly well in it and thoroughly womanly.

"Going out to ride your wheel, my dear?" he inquired venomously. "How energetic the young women are nowadays! Kicking up your heels till 5 or 6 o'clock, breakfast about the time we go to bed, and then off for a ten mile whirl astraddle a wheel! It's a wonder how you old fashioned girls ever grew up and got your natural strength, Sally."

Mrs. Rodney was an easy mark for the old gentleman because he knew so well how to prick her. He felt that the allusion to the primitive style of their early life would be distasteful, and Mrs. Rodney, who was fond of a languid, dignified pose, always winced when he called her Sally. He gave such a common sound to the name!

"Well, I'm going up stairs until things are set to rights," he continued. "I hope there won't be a string of bills coming in today."

The old man shuffled off, delaying to look here and there for one object or another simply because he knew they would feel relieved when he was gone. Finally he went snoring up the stairs.

"What a pity you come in with your bicycle suit on, Florence!" said Mrs. Rodney peevishly. "Your uncle seems to have such an objection to it."

"It might as well be an objection to that as to something else, mamma."



"Well, I am going up stairs until things are set to rights," he continued.

returned the young woman curtly. "This is his morning for objections. He has let us have the dance and now we'll have to let him have his growl. He is always feeling particularly nasty when he calls you 'Sally' in that way."

Miss Rodney had not been gone long when the mail arrived. There was a stout English letter for Mrs. Rodney, in an envelope with the name of some London solicitors on it. She opened it and almost gasped, as she mastered its contents. They were enough to astonish a less impressionable woman than Mrs. Rodney. The solicitors said that they had been instructed by the Countess of Carrington to send the inclosed letter upon her death. In compliance with this request they did so. The Countess had died two days ago. The contents of the letter from her had been imparted to them by her ladyship. Their London address and cable name were indicated in the letter head, should Mrs. Rodney or her daughter wish to communicate with them.

To understand Mrs. Rodney's feelings in this matter a few words of explanation are necessary. The Countess of Carrington was Mrs. Rodney's sister. She had been twice married, once to an American who died and left her wealth, and the second time to an Englishman, the Earl of Carrington, who had died and left her a title. The lady who had quarried such treasure from two husbands' graves employed the money and the title to make life as enjoyable as possible to a hard, selfish and ambitious woman. The feeling between the two sisters had become so strained as to result in perfect estrangement. Mrs. Rodney derived no other advantage from her rich relative than an occasional allusion to "my sister, the Countess of Carrington," where she thought such allusion was profitable. What she read in her sister's letter was therefore all the more astonishing.

The Countess, without any great warmth, set forth that she was ill and her doctors had advised her to attend to any testamentary dispositions she might wish to make as a matter of prudence. With thought of what was due to her own position and title and also of what would be right toward her own kin, she had devised the bulk of her fortune to her niece, Florence, on condition that within a year after the decedent's death she should marry the Earl of Carrington, the eldest son of her deceased husband. If the year elapsed without such marriage having taken place, the property was to go to the Earl of Carrington, who would add the name of Gardner to those which he had. If her niece, Florence, married the Earl, money and investments that would yield an income of \$10,000 a year were to be set aside and Mrs. Rodney would enjoy this income for her natural life. On her death they were to go absolutely to Miss Rose Rodney or her heirs. The Countess of Carrington hoped in this way that her duty toward her own family and toward that of her husband, and incidentally, to herself, would be performed in a manner suitable and advantageous to all concerned.

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Mrs. Rodney was in a feverish glow by the time she had grasped the purport of this sisterly letter. It was so evident that the Countess of Carrington was striving to perpetuate her own tough personality as far as possible for her condition when she became a disinherited lady of title that the benefit which would accrue to the Rodneys did not stir any very sisterly gratitude in Mrs. Rodney. But the benefit was obvious. She would be the mother of a Countess. She would have an income of \$10,000 and Rose would have a pretty prospect for a girl as attractive as herself. Mrs. Rodney's wild fancy set her at once to musing such phrases in her small mind as "My daughter, the Countess of Carrington. I expect to come over this summer." She even went so far as to picture herself as the grandmother of little Lord This and little Lady That. It was intoxicating reverie. But as the young Arabian gentleman upset the splendid fortune he had won, in his mind's eye, from the sale of his glassware by kicking the glass to smithereens in an imperious moment of opulent disdain, so Mrs. Rodney's large balloon of pride was pricked when the thought arose that all this glory was contingent on her daughter's consent to the proposed marriage. That she would not be too docile in the matter she had a sure premonition. But since the astute old Countess had made the peace and comfort and respectability of herself and Rose dependent on the decision of Florence, there was hope she might be "reasonable."

Florence was not a sentimental girl and was clear headed enough. Even Mrs. Rodney could not charge her eldest daughter with selfishness. Here was room for heroic self sacrifice.

When her daughter returned from a good spin on her wheel, Mrs. Rodney had had time to think it out. After luncheon she said impressively: "I have received a letter which will surprise you all. The Countess of Carrington is dead!"

The family received the news with different degrees of calm. Rose, as the youngest, was the most impressed. Miss Rodney was not impressed at all and Uncle Josiah only gave a grunt.

"Awful blow to lose our titled relative!" he sneered. "So sudden and such a warm hearted woman!"

"Josiah, we must not forget that she was our sister," said Mrs. Rodney, with an air of propriety.

"It's only due to good memories that we know it," observed the old man brusquely.

"She may have been a little worldly and certainly did not show much thought of us," assented Mrs. Rodney. "But she has done very well by us in her will."

Uncle Josiah looked up incredulously. It irritated the old man to see Mrs. Rodney swelling with the importance of something to communicate, especially when he was keen to know it.

"Umph! What has she done?" "She has left her money to Florence, and an income for life to me," replied Miss Rodney.

Miss Rodney did look somewhat moved at this. It meant freedom and living her own life. Despite herself, she beamed joyously.

"Rose and I are disinherited, are we?" chuckled Uncle Josiah sarcastically.

"I suppose she knew I would look after Rose, and probably she felt that her sister would be in a position to be of great help to her," said Mrs. Rodney diplomatically.

"When do we get it, mamma?" asked Miss Rodney, with flat directness.

Poor Mrs. Rodney's heart failed her at what she had to say. But it must be said and now was as good a time as any, when her daughter seemed pleased at the prospect of such independent means. Josiah Gardner looked at her with his sharp, twinkling brown eyes. He was a well preserved man for his years and took the most active interest in things.

"The Countess," Mrs. Rodney began, with a sigh.

"Oh, bother!" ejaculated Uncle Josiah.

"Josiah!" exclaimed Mrs. Rodney, with a weak querulousness of accent, turning a little, like the goaded woman, "Have some respect for your sister!"

Which sister was not specified. The old man stalk on his chin and looked impatient. He refrained from saying anything, as he really wanted to know quickly what had been done. He suspected that "the Countess" would have some string tied to her generous disposition of her wealth.

"She makes this conditional on Florence's marrying the present Earl of Carrington within a year," the poor lady said with a little faltering as possible.

Uncle Josiah leaned back and let off a dry, cackling laugh. There was no doubt about the real merriment in it, however.

"Is that all?" he inquired. "Let me see the letter. That's the quickest way of understanding the thing."

Mrs. Rodney reluctantly passed it over to him. She stole a glance at her daughter's face. Miss Rodney was breathing quickly and did not give a very good imitation of a young lady tickled at a prospective betrothal.

Mr. Gardner read the cold, dry, but perfectly lucid letter which laid bare to his mind the purport and aim of the disinherited Countess of Carrington. He fastened eagerly to impart its import to his wife, watching her all the time with malicious pleasure.

"Matilda has done a fine thing for you," he said volubly. "You get all the money, and all you have to do is to marry an English lord. That isn't hard. The man Matilda married did in a few years, used up in half a dozen miscellaneous ways. This young fellow, I understand, is a far more brilliant blackguard than his father and is a first

rate candidate for a hospital already. He is up to his neck in debt. So, if you can put up with a job lot of diseased humanity, for a few years, he'll go under the soil and you'll be Countess of Carrington forever after. I should think you would jump at it," sneered Uncle Josiah. "These lawyer chaps were considerable enough to send their cable address. Shall I run out and simply fire a 'Terminus accepted' at them, Florence?"

Mrs. Rodney made a weak, hopeless movement of despair. It would be a hard fight for her all alone and her brother so rudely against her.

"Uncle," said Miss Rodney calmly, but with a hot, angry patch of color in her healthy cheek and a glitter in her eye, "there's no need of your being any more disagreeable than necessary. I admit the prospect of escaping from my life here and escaping from you makes this atrocious proposition have a force that nothing else could lend it. The Earl of Carrington can't be much more of a trial than you," she added hotly.

"That's the sensible way to look at it, my dear," returned Uncle Josiah, with brisk and untroubled cheerfulness. "But Matilda didn't know you well. Matilda was a business woman at least. It was so like her to leave her money to Carrington and at the same time rope in you as a beneficiary, thus seeming to have a regard for her own family. I don't know why she should have cared about that," he went on, disregarding apparently Miss Rodney's beautifully undisguised look of disgust. "She never minded as while she was alive. But people funk so when they are going to die," he observed philosophically. "However, as I was observing, Matilda foolishly thought that you were a degenerated niece and might balk at the prospect of marrying a bag of disease and thousands of pounds of debt. So she ties up your mother's and your sister's good fortune with your consent. Marry this titled blackguard, and your mother and sister will be independent and comfortable for life. They won't have to live with him, you know. So there is no reason why they shouldn't be happy."

"Josiah, cried Mrs. Rodney, "this is brutal. I cannot endure it. If you continue like that, I shall have to leave the room."

"There's no reason why you should not, my dear," he replied cheerfully. "You can cry and plead with Florence later on."

"Don't be silly, mamma," said Miss Rodney prosaically. "Uncle Josiah is putting it as badly as he can, but even he cannot do more than justice to this vile, miserable scheme of my aunt. I am thankful to you for letting mamma see the thing just as it is," she said to her uncle.

"Oh, don't mention it," said the old cynic. "It is a pleasure to help you out in this trying moment. I can see you with the coronet of a Countess stuck on top of your head. They wear coronets, don't they?"

"But you will note our dear Matilda's forethought," he went on. "I am almost proud of her. You might kick over all this debt and disease. So she bribes you with your mother's and sister's happiness. Why she should have thought that Carrington would possibly balk at bestowing his distinguished self on you I don't see, unless she knew that his favorite type of woman was the chorus girl. If he refuses, you get it all. But he won't refuse. I promise you. You refuse, and he gets it. And if he gets it, he has got to tack the name of Gardner on to his own. Oh, Matilda was a corker for family pride. The idea of perpetuating the family name in that way! Hitching it on to an heir's title! It was great. Why couldn't you, if you accept him and become the mother of a little Earl to be, name him Josiah, after me? That is a new name in the British nobility. It would probably be the only strong, healthy thing about the poor little chap. He would surely be scornful as a filial compliment to his papa."

"This is a little disgusting," said Miss Rodney, looking at her venomous old uncle in a way that even he felt. "I decline to hear any more on the subject. You have really in your coarse freedom of language expressed the plain truth. I have never so agreed with you in my life. I simply refuse, without the need of another moment's deliberation, my aunt's infamous proposition. The only thing that can palliate her daring to make it is that she did the same thing herself. And she, heaven save the mark, was an American girl! Don't let the subject be mentioned in my hearing again."

"But, Florence," remonstrated her mother in an injured way, "don't be rash. There is no need of any hasty conclusion. You are taking all that your uncle says about this young man as true. He may be a very nice young fellow."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

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# The Mercury.

JOHN F. SANBORN, Editor and Manager.

Saturday, April 28, 1900.

Massachusetts is out strong for Ex-Gov. Lang for Vice President. The country might go further and fare worse.

The General Assembly will probably bring its January session to a close next week. If so it will be the shortest session for many years.

All the Republican Conventions that are being held are pledging their delegates to McKinley with great tenacity. There will be no opposing candidate.

Ex-Senator Quay was denied a seat in the United States Senate by nomination of the Governor of Pennsylvania by one majority. The vote stood 33 to 32. The margin is slight but it will answer.

Capt. William S. Wilcox of Portsmouth, for many years a resident of the Sandwich Islands, proposes to return there with his son, who is now in this country. Captain Wilcox will probably make his future home on the Islands. The son, who has been for many years an important personage in Honolulu, will doubtless soon receive an important appointment from President McKinley.

Clark of Montana and Quay of Pennsylvania can now return to their homes. Neither will receive a seat in the National Senate. The vote on the Quay case was taken this week, and the Clark case will come up shortly, the committee having reported, recommending that his seat be declared vacant. A Governor's appointment in the one case and fraud in the other are responsible for the two vacancies.

John W. Gates of New York, Chicago and elsewhere, is worth a little property in his own name. In fact he has considerable property, a large part of which is in cold cash. The other day he received a telephone call from his brokers to know why he failed to deposit a check that they had sent him and his reply was to the effect that he had forgotten it. But then, the check was only good for \$1,200,000.00.

There is a rumor abroad that Mr. Mendenhall, Perry and Senator Nelson W. Aldrich have bought the Providence Journal property. We do not know how much truth there is in such a rumor, but it would be a good thing for the State of Rhode Island to have that paper controlled by a gentleman like Senator Aldrich. It is something the paper has not had on the board of management since the death of Senator Anthony and Geo. W. Danielson.

The United States consul at Pretoria reports that the correspondence files in his office give no evidence of tampering with the mails by British censors as claimed by ex-Captain Macrum. This ends the Macrum incident. The only question remaining says an exchange: Was he a liar or only frightened? The answer will make no difference with anybody—except, possibly, Macrum. He has shown his unfitness for the consular service, which is well rid of him.

We hope that the newspapers will now cease to write Puerto Rico. The bill signed by the President makes the official title in plain English "Porto Rico" and so the official spelling of the island's name is fixed, despite the dictum of the board of geographic names and the preference of a few officials of the administration, says an exchange. There can be but little denour over the rational spelling of Porto Rico now that Congress has set its seal upon it, and it may therefore confidently be expected that "Puerto" will steadily fade from practical use and secure a place, as the Star's correspondent suggests, among such relics of spelling as "Nueva Mejica" and "Nauvoo Orleans."

It is said that the Western railroads have a scheme on foot to scatter over the far Western country some two hundred new towns. The towns will not consist, as some of the new towns in the West have done heretofore, of a court house and a lot of stakes of town lots owned by deluded investors, but they will be towns of people. The railroads expect to bring a population of 200,000 from the Ohio Valley and the Middle West to those more Western areas of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Minneapolis, the Dakotas, Michigan, Wisconsin, Montana, Idaho, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado and Oregon. Free sites will be offered for churches, school houses, and other public buildings, and a nominal rate of transportation will be given to actual settlers.

## Porto Rico Viewed by Long.

Secretary Long recently said of the Porto Rico bill:

The Porto Rico bill is misunderstood. That the bill works discrimination against or hand-ship upon Porto Rico is not true. Full knowledge of the bill will remove any such impression. It relieves the island from all direct taxes and all internal revenue taxes. It reduces the customs tariff from 100 to 15 per cent. Further, it returns to Porto Rico all the income from the mortgage taxation, instead of landing it in the United States treasury. If this is discrimination, it is discrimination against the United States, and in favor of Porto Rico. Thus the island fares better than ever did any of our Territories, all of which had to pay their own way, internal taxes and all, every dollar of which went to Uncle Sam's treasury.

Add to this that we have given Porto

Rico \$2,000,000 outright, and also that this bill is intended to be operative only until the Porto Ricans establish their own government, when they can regulate their own finances and have free trade if they want it. The substitute bill proposed by the Democrats and voted for in the House of Representatives imposes on Porto Rico all our taxes, customs, tariff and internal revenue without returning the money to Porto Rico, thus impoverishing the island and making it an object of charity. As soon as the bill is understood I believe it will be acceptable to Porto Ricans as well as to our people.

## Coler for Governor.

Blind S. Coler is an impediment to Tammany operations in New York and is to be removed from the comptroller's office. But in his removal there is a hint for he will not be ineffectually expelled but will be made the Tammany candidate for governor.

This is the present plan, agreed to tacitly by David E. Hill, Edward Murphy, Jr., Tammany Hall and the Brooklyn Democracy.

Mr. Coler was originally Mr. Hill's candidate. Although from New York city he has none of the objections usually made against a city man, because he had demonstrated that he cannot be controlled by Tammany or anyone else. He has great popularity among all classes, and in less than three years has won a reputation all over the state sufficient in the opinion of the Democratic leaders to elect him.

Mr. Coler is the one Democrat of whom the Republicans are supremely afraid. When Gov. Roosevelt came out in favor of the comptroller's confession of judgment bill, he was told he was building up a candidate for Governor to run against him. Hill, it is said, has been working very quietly to get Tammany to agree to the Coler nomination. As a result Mayor Van Wyck approved the confession of judgment bill, and the board of estimate only the other day approved the appropriation desired by the comptroller for the pay of his experts. This indicates that Tammany is through fighting the comptroller, and now anxious to get him out of the way.

Hill goes well at Kansas City Mr. Coler will be the Democratic candidate for Governor. By all going well it means a continuance of the truce between Hill and Tammany and the nomination of Bryan on a platform that does not contain 16 to L. Should the program not be smashed Mr. Coler will probably receive in the next state convention the solid 150 votes from Greater New York.

## Real Estate Transactions.

DeBlais & Eldridge have rented for Mr. Thomas James his cottage, on the southerly side of Narragansett avenue, known as "Delmonico" to Mrs. Elliott.

Simon Hazard has rented the lower half of the Marshall house, on Pleasant street, to Mr. John M. Wiseman.

Simon Hazard has rented to Mrs. Mary Williams, for Patrick Buckley, the upper half of his house, No. 12 Spring street.

Simon Hazard has rented on lease for Mr. Peter Faerlie the cottage and grounds, at No. 23 Church street, to Henry King.

Simon Hazard has rented to John W. Wood, U. S. N., house Naval Hospital, the upper half of the premises, No. 14 Bliss road, owned by Mr. Henry H. Barker.

A. O'D. Taylor has sold for Albert Peckham of Little Compton, a parcel of land about two miles north of Jamestown, on the east shore, and containing about 10,000 feet, to Miss Harriet D. MacKenzie of Newport.

A. O'D. Taylor has rented for the summer season in Jamestown, for Mrs. Edith Gorton, her furnished house on Bay View Drive, on the east front, to Mrs. G. L. Crawford of St. Louis.

Simon Hazard has sold to James U. Elliot, for the West Providence Land Co., their last lot on Bliss road in this city. The lot is bounded southerly, by Bliss road, 50 feet; easterly, by land of James C. Elliott, 100 feet; northerly, by land of James Orr, 50 feet; and westerly, by land of George E. Ward, 100 feet; containing in all 5000 square feet.

David Buckley has bought of Miss Margaret Theodora Taylor, through Simon Hazard, a lot of land on the northerly side of Channing street and comprising about 4600 square feet of ground. Mr. Buckley intends to improve the property by the erection of some cottages on the site at an early day.

A. O'D. Taylor has sold for Mary G. Agnew, in Jamestown, a lot of land on the Highland Drive, near the Dumlins, measuring 25,550 feet—more than half an acre—to Major H. C. Potter of Philadelphia.

A. O'D. Taylor has rented for the summer season, in Newport, for Miss Agnes C. Storer, the furnished cottage at 34 Washington street, on the inner harbor, to Mrs. McMaster of Montreal, Canada.

A. O'D. Taylor has sold in Newport, the double tenement property at No. 27 Church street, belonging to the Honorable Thomas Coggeshall, and containing 3,125 square feet, to Mrs. Margaret J. Crowley.

DeBlais & Eldridge have rented for Mrs. Brockholst Cutting, her villa on Bellevue avenue, Gordon street and Coggeshall avenue, known as "Wee Bush" to Mrs. Jabez A. Boswick of New York for the coming season.

DeBlais & Eldridge have rented for Hugh L. Willoughby, his villa on Chastellux and Halidon avenues, known as "The Charter," to Mr. Gilman Falmstock of New York for the coming season.

Simon Hazard has rented to Mr. Lincoln Bentley, the store, 70 Broadway, and the bakery in the rear, for Constant Smith. Mr. Bentley will open the premises to the public early in May.

A. O'D. Taylor has rented for Mrs. Logan, wife of Commander T. C. Logan, U. S. Navy, her furnished cottage in Long-ton to Frederick W. Paramore of St. Louis for the season.

A. O'D. Taylor has rented for Mrs. Mary H. Clarke her furnished boarding house, known as the "Allen House," in Jamestown, to Mr. and Mrs. Carter of Providence.

A. O'D. Taylor has sold for Mrs. Julia A. Burke a lot of land, 6,000 feet, No. 62 on the Howard plot in Jamestown, to Louis Anthony.

DeBlais & Eldridge have rented for Mrs. Charles Wheeler her large cottage on the easterly side of Euclid avenue near Easton's Beach to George P. Easton of Westbury, Long Island, for one year.

## Washington Matters.

Secretary Root's Investigation of Army Officers in Cuba—Nicaragua Canal Bill Will be Taken up on May 1—Gallinger on War Revenue—Notes.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 25, 1900.

The newest mare's nest discovered by the democrats was like all the rest, empty. The Bacon resolution, adopted by the Senate, asking for information as to extra compensation for army officers serving in Cuba, will be fully answered by Secretary Root at once. It was based on the charge that army officers in Cuba were drawing two salaries, one from this government and one from the Cuban revenues, and were expending money extravagantly for expenses. The charge was entirely false. No officer in Cuba has ever drawn two salaries. Away back when Secretary Alger was at the head of the War Department, under an opinion from the Attorney General, four officers—the Military Governor of Cuba, the Collector of Havana, and the Treasurer of Cuba—were allowed allowances to meet expenses entailed upon them by reason of their filling those positions, aggregating about \$16,000 a year, and those allowances are still allowed, and except in the case of the Military Governor of Havana a position that has been abolished, will be continued as long as we occupy and govern the island, and cannot be reasonably objected to. Senator Platt, of Conn., one of the last men in public life who would countenance anything approaching wastefulness in public money either in Cuba or at home, fully answered the charge of extravagance by Army Officers in Cuba, when he said on the floor of the Senate: "There has been no extravagance. I have been there. The public building or palace it is called there was put in shape fit to live in. Nothing more was done." Mr. Platt spoke from personal observation, as he was in Cuba only a few weeks ago.

No reply has been received from the Sultan of Turkey to the demand made by Secretary Hay, last week, by direction of President McKinley, that he keep his promises to pay for American Missionary property destroyed in Turkey; but a favorable answer is expected.

Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, Chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, has made the positive announcement that his bill for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal will be taken up by the House May 1, and voted on the following day. The announcement was the result of an understanding which made the reporting of a special rule unnecessary. The fact that 250 members of the House requested that the bill be considered, makes it certain that it will be passed by an overwhelming vote.

Senator Gallinger said of his resolution, asking the Secretary of the Treasury for a detailed statement of the sums derived from the war revenue net, the receipts from each subject of taxation to be stated separately, which was adopted by the Senate: "I don't suppose that it will lead to immediate legislation, but I am anxious to know exactly how much money has been received under the various stamp taxes. The information will not be as interesting as it might be, because the same character of stamp is used for various purposes, so that it is impossible to tell how many stamps are placed upon telegrams, how many upon express receipts, how many upon mortgages, etc. The beer stamp is a distinct one, and the amount can be accurately told. It will also be possible to inform us how many proprietary stamps of special design have been furnished."

The Treasury Department will be ready to relieve the army officers of the collection of Customs in Porto Rico, on May 1, the date upon which Gov. Allen will be inaugurated, and the new law will take effect. The joint resolution, allowing military officers to retain the civil offices they hold in Porto Rico, until their civilian successors are appointed and qualified, which has been adopted by Congress, is simply intended to give Gov. Allen needed time to make proper selections of Porto Ricans to fill the places. The resolution provides that all the appointments shall be made before August 1, next. The Democratic attempt to create an adverse sentiment by criticizing the preparation by the administration to make the inauguration of Gov. Allen an impressive event, has failed.

There are few Americans, even among democrats, who do not recognize the historical importance of the inauguration of the first civil American Governor of Porto Rico, as well as the necessity, viewed merely as a matter of policy, of making the event a memorable one to the Porto Ricans.

Secretary Root put a bug in the ears of those Representatives who have been clamoring for the establishment of new army posts in their localities, and yet opposing legislation for the reorganization and increase of the regular army, when he wrote, in answer to an inquiry of the House Committee on Military Affairs, as to the advisability of action on a number of bills before that Committee: "It is the view of this department that no new army posts, whatever, should be established, unless the permanent strength of the regular army is to be increased, or a large number of the present posts are to be discontinued. We have not sufficient men properly to garrison the posts we already have."

## Weather Bulletin.

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 25.—My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from May 4 to May 8, and the next will reach Pacific coast about May 9, cross west of Rockies country by close of 10, great central valleys 11 to 15, eastern states 14.

Warm wave will cross west of Rockies country about May 9, great central valleys 11, eastern states 15.

Cool wave will cross west of Rockies country about 12, great central valleys 15, eastern states 19.

Temperature of the week ending 8 a. m., May 11, will average about normal in the great central valleys, about in eastern states, about on the Pacific slope.

Indications are that May temperature will average above normal in the northern states east of meridian 90, below in northern states west of meridian 90, above in southern states.

Rainfall will be above in the north-eastern states and eastern Canada, below in middle Canada, lower Ohio valley and southeastern states, above in western Canada and northwestern states, about in southwestern states, below on northern Pacific slope and above on southern Pacific slope.

May weather will be favorable to corn, cotton, wheat and oat crops and will tend to depress prices.

Details of May temperature are not common to other months. Two feet

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ures, at least, are uncommon, one of them popularly called spaw summer and occurring near 9, the other called blackberry winter and occurring near 14.

Scientific orthodoxy, usually ridicule the weather proverbs of the common people but they would better have a care of these two periods. The records show that they may occur, about the dates mentioned, two times out of three, in Europe and America.

These periods are so regular that they make the daily average for thirty years six degrees lower on May 13 than on May 10.

But this period is exceedingly difficult to forecast. The usual weather conditions are broken up and seem to become lawless. However I expect the high temperature to occur on meridian 90 about 10 or 11, and the low temperature about 14; a little earlier west, later east.

Many who cultivate blackberries say that the crop is usually a failure when this cold period does not occur and this idea is very general in the rural districts with reference to the wild blackberry crop.

The hot wave or spaw summer occurs about the time the whippoorwill begins his well known serenades and the two give rise to a pleasant among the country people in which the claim is made that thereafter the women must chop the wood while the farmer lends his crop.

A great rise in temperature accompanied by dry weather is expected to reach meridian 90 about 16 and continue to near 25 or a period of ten days; then a fall in temperature accompanied by rains.

The month will probably be dry to about 9, then showers till 16. Severe storms in northern states about 25 or 26.

Where not otherwise stated all forecasts are to reach meridian 90 about date mentioned; one or two days earlier west, and later east.

The following weather changes will occur within twenty-four hours of 8 p. m. on the dates mentioned. For the Atlantic coast:

May 1—Warmer.

May 2—Cooler.

May 3—Moderate.

May 4—Moderate.

May 5—Cooler.

May 6—Cooler.

May 7—Moderating.

## Working Earth and Sky

The Southern Railway has worked the earth for a good while to the mutual interest of itself and the earth, and, not satisfied with its limited field, it is now taking a hand at working the skies. Colonel Thweatt, its Eastern manager, learned from the almanac in Twenty-eighth street, New York, that there was to be an eclipse of the sun May 28, 1900, which seemed made to order to fit his line with regard to points of observation upon it in Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia. He at once made this known to the professors of a number of colleges, and to their classes who are polling up on astronomy, in connection with a party or a special rate, upon a short line basis, and convinced them that he was sound, both on the best points of view of the eclipse, and on tempting rates. Consequently, several parties have already booked from New York and Brooklyn, and New England colleges; also, a party from Princeton college and one from Allentown, with others considering ways and means. It will be a good outing for the sky-scrapers, whether the day be clear or whether their lenses are befogged by clouds, especially if Colonel Thweatt be along. Meantime he will give any astronomer his detailed calculations who applies to him in person or by mail at his office, 1185 Broadway, New York—Call, Easton, Pa.

## Opportunities for Business

At towns on the new lines of the Chicago & North-Western Railway are summarized in a pamphlet that may be obtained upon application to W. B. Kniskern, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, 22 Fifth ave., Chicago, Ill.

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By the will of Mrs. Adah L. Steere, offered for probate in Providence this week, many charitable institutions of the state come into the possession of considerable sums. All her estate is left for charitable purposes.

## WEEKLY ALMANAC.

APRIL, 1900.	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
28	Sun	31	1	2	3	4	5
29	Mon	30	1	2	3	4	5
30	Tues	31	1	2	3	4	5
31	Wed	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Thurs	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	Fri	3	4	5	6	7	8

First Quarter 6th day, 3 h. 55 a. m., evening.

Full Moon 11th, 8 h. 20 a. m., evening.

New Moon 21st day, 6 h. 20 a. m., morning.

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## Marriages.

On Saturday, April 21, Caroline Hunter, daughter of the late Walter Langdon Hunter, to Elsie Marie Phipps, daughter of Henry D. Phipps of New Rochelle, at the Church of the Immaculate, New York, by the rector, Rev. William Grosvenor, assisted by Rev. Henry M. Stone, of Trinity Church, Newport, R. I.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Third street, 24th inst., by Rev. Brewer G. Goodrich, Mr. James Irving Sipple to Miss Frances Rogers Coggeshall, both of this city.

## Deaths.

In this city, 25th inst., Theresa M., wife of Frederick E. Williams and daughter of George E. Rice, in the 13th year of her age.

In this city, 24th inst., Captain Nathan M. Russell, in the 77th year of his age.

In this city, 21st inst., Evelyn G., wife of Joseph Clark, in her 24th year.

In this city, 21st inst., William Wallace Sampson, in his 68th year.

In this city, 22d inst., Abbie Easton, daughter of Daniel B. and Annamurrah Chase Brown, aged 11 years, 5 months.

In this city, 22d inst., at her residence, 21 Pope street, Margaret, widow of Daniel Rocke.

In this city, 23d inst., at her residence, 29 White street, Mary, wife of Patrick McKenna, aged 62 years.

In this city, 20th inst., George Jannettes, aged 52 years.

Mrs. Sarah Otth (Porter), wife of Hon. Francis Otth of this city, died April 25, 1900.

In South Somerset, 22d inst., Louisa, wife of Stephen P. Darfee, and daughter of Israel and Laura Orwell.

In Providence, 23d inst., Mrs. Arnold Jackson, 75 years, 11 months, 3 months.

In this city, 23d inst., Mrs. Mary J. wife of Gideon Angell, 74 years, 11 months, 3 months.

In this city, 23d inst., Mrs. Rev. L. O. B. wife of 22d, Anna Prince, wife of George E. Martin, 73 years, 11 months, 3 months.

In Greenville, 21st inst., Samuel T. Allen, in his 24th year.

In Wakefield, 23d inst., Daniel M. C. Steadman, in the 90th year of his age.

In Pontiac, 23d inst., Margaret Russell, in her 84th year.

In Greenville, 23d inst., James H. Williams, in his 77th year.

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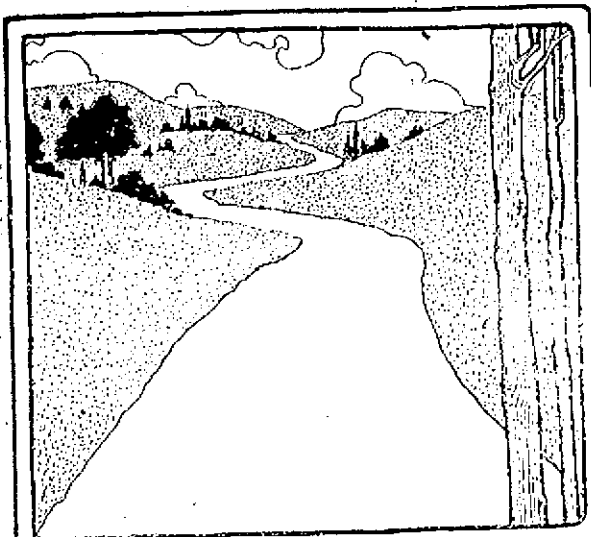
## CITY OF NEWPORT.

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## PART OF OTTAWA AND SUBURBS BURNED.

Twenty-five Hundred Buildings Burned and Thousands of Families Homeless.

Ottawa, April 27.—The city of Hull was swept by fire yesterday and all that remains is a small corner in the east end of the city. Hull has a population of about 12,000 people, and more than half of them are homeless. The entire business part of the city, including the courthouse, postoffice and public buildings, and newspaper offices, is one mass of ruins. The population is almost entirely composed of people who work in the mills, or who derive their business from these works.

A summing up shows five square miles of territory burned over; more than 2500 dwellings, factories, mills, stores and other buildings destroyed, entailing a loss estimated at between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000, and between 12,000 and 15,000 men, women and children homeless. Most of the lumber piles in Ottawa and Hull have disappeared and are now mere heaps of only charred wood and ashes. Half a dozen churches and schools, a number of mills, the Hull waterworks, the Hull court house and jail, the post-office, the convent, almost every business place, and about 1000 dwellings and shops in Hull have been destroyed.

Indeed, practically nothing of Hull is left, but a church and a few houses beyond it. In this city it is estimated that, besides the mills, factories, etc., burned, 1500 residences were destroyed. The fire originated from a fire in a dirty chimney, and the high wind caused the flames to spread rapidly.

Had \$10,000 Worth on Her Person. Nashua, N. H., April 27.—Dr. J. McKeon of Montreal was found wandering about in a demented condition Thursday afternoon by the Nashua police. She had on her person nearly \$10,000 in money, jewelry and other valuables. Her story is that she started from Montreal Wednesday, intending to go to Ireland. Becoming ill on the train she got off at Nashua to take a walk in the hope of recovering from her indisposition. She was acting queerly when taken into custody. The Nashua police have telegraphed for particulars to Montreal.

Progressing Satisfactorily. Washington, April 27.—For diplomatic reasons the text of the last note from Mr. Griscom, the United States charge at Constantinople, is withheld from publication. But state department officials are willing to state that generally the negotiations are progressing; that the action of the Turkish government in conceding the right to rebuild the destroyed missionary schools is eminently satisfactory, and that regarding the claims for a money indemnity, there are still being pressed with every reason to hope for a successful conclusion.

Verdict in Stabbing Case. Providence, April 27.—Joseph Mooney became involved in a quarrel in a lodging house and was stabbed with a pocket knife in the hands of a man named Shaw. He died four days later. Coroner Lincoln reports that death was caused by the act of Shaw.

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## MCKINLEY'S MATE.

Long Boom Launched by the Bay State Republicans.

Other Items of Interest From Various Parts of New England.

Boston, April 27.—The Republicans of Massachusetts met in convention yesterday in Music Hall and adopted a platform in harmony with the policy of the national administration, endorsed President McKinley for re-election and launched the boom of Secretary of the Navy John D. Long for the vice-presidential nomination.

The following were elected delegates-at-large to the Republican national convention to be held in Philadelphia on June 19 next: Senator Henry C. Lodge, Congressman Samuel W. McCall, William B. Plunkett and Walter Clifford, and the alternates-at-large selected are Samuel E. Courtney of Boston, George H. Jewett of Salem, Henry P. Field of Northampton and Alfred E. Rose of Lowell.

The platform indorses President McKinley and his administration and pledges him the continued hearty support and fealty of the Massachusetts Republicans.

It indorses Secretary John D. Long's administration of the navy department, and recommends him most strongly as the associate of the president on the national ticket.

Inasmuch as the Massachusetts delegation has never before been pledged to any candidate, so it is now left free to act within its discretion, but has this expression of the convention.

There is a financial plank which declares for gold as the stable monetary basis, but for a flexible currency.

There is a strong plank upon our insular possessions. Without naming Porto Rico or the Philippines it declares strongly for the retention of all of our insular possessions, and favors the development of local self-government within the islands.

In this connection there is a civil service plank as an adjunct to the preceding, advocating the extension of the civil service laws to protect our raw possessions and to increase the efficiency of the government.

There is a plank favoring the construction of an isthmian canal and emphasizing the necessity of a Pacific cable controlled by this government, in communication with our insular possessions.

Another plank declares strongly for the upbuilding and encouragement of our merchant marine and pledging the support of the Republicans of Massachusetts in its behalf.

There is a strong anti-trust plank renewing the position taken by the party last year.

In the framing of the platform the committee on resolutions has tried to avoid doing anything which would cause a division in our delegation between our two senators or any of our congressmen. No reference was made to the Porto Rico tariff.

School Closed on Account of Disease. Waltham, Mass., April 27.—St. Joseph's parochial school has been closed on account of the prevalence of diphtheria. There were about 300 pupils attending the school. The board of health will now take charge of the school and thoroughly disinfect it. The board of health is taking active measures to prevent the spread of the disease, and is at a loss to account for the prevalence of the epidemic.

A Boom For Farmington. Farmington, N. H., April 27.—Work will begin soon in the Nute factory, recently purchased by a syndicate of Farmington citizens, who organized as the Stratford Shoe company. The shoe cutters will begin work Monday and the other departments immediately thereafter. The factory will be run to its full capacity, employing 350 operatives. This factory has been idle for many years.

Strike in Shoe Factory. East Weymouth, Mass., April 27.—Four of the 34 lasters employed in Edwin Clapp's shoe factory were discharged Thursday; no reason for this action being given, whereupon the remaining 30 lasters voted not to return to work until the other operatives were reinstated. It is believed by the lasters that the firm intends to introduce lasting machines to replace hand labor.

Epidemic of Typhoid Fever. West Burke, Vt., April 27.—There are 30 cases of typhoid fever in this little village and several deaths have occurred. The cause of the epidemic is attributed to the Passumpsic river water, which, it is said, has been pumped from the river, just below the point where sewerage enters it, to increase the regular water supply when the water was low in the winter.

Fatal Elevator Accident. Lowell, Mass., April 27.—James Seston was instantly killed while attempting to board an elevator in motion in the Odd Fellows' temple. About three feet above the entrance on the ground floor he was hurled through a glass panel and pinned in the ash while the car, up-going, struck him in the head, inflicting horrible wounds.

Bullet Through His Head. Cambridge, Mass., April 27.—The Fitchburg railroad station agent at Mt. Auburn, Oliver H. Porter, 35 years old, was found dead in the cellar of the station, with a bullet through his head. He had recently been suffering from the grip, and it is supposed that he had become partially deranged.

Twelve Hundred Acres Burned Over. Chatham, Mass., April 27.—A destructive forest fire was started here Thursday, presumably by a locomotive. The fire swept through the thickly wooded land with great rapidity. By a great effort the fire was finally got under control, after having burned over about 1200 acres.

Lowell Strike Ended. Lowell, Mass., April 27.—The strike of the weavers and spinners in the local branch of the Bigelow Carpet company is at an end, and the mill will resume operations on Monday morning. The settlement was brought about by the strikers voting to rescind the rule limiting the amount of work per operator, which was the cause of the trouble.

## RETREAT OF BOERS.

Relief of Wepener Is Accomplished by Brabant's Forces.

But Little Chance of General Roberts' Cutting Off the Enemy.

London, April 27.—It is officially announced that Wepener has been relieved. The war office has issued the following from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 25, 2:25 p. m.:

"The enemy retired from in front of Wepener last night and this morning fled northward along the Ladybrand road."

"Their number was between 4500 and 5000."

A dispatch from Cape Town says: "The relief of Colonel Dalgely was accomplished by General Brabant."

It is now apparent that the chances of Lord Roberts' catching the retreating Boers in a net are very slender. The Boers have everywhere retired at the first pressure of the British advance, and the hope that General Buller would be able to induce them to remain at De Wets Dorp until they had been forced to fight or to surrender has been disappointed.

No attempt was made to pursue the commandoes retiring from Wepener. Everything now depends upon the progress of General Buller's cavalry brigades, but they are meeting a very difficult, hilly and practically unknown country.

The cavalry have already had a long march over heavy and sandy roads; and nothing is known regarding the condition of the horses. In any case it is now a race between the federals and the forces of General Buller and General Hamilton.

The slowness of the recent movements of the British infantry and previous experience of the ability of the Boers to move rapidly with pure and baggage over their own country, lead to a belief that Lord Roberts' enveloping operations will fail and will have to be repeated further north.

At the most he will perhaps capture some Boer guns and baggage and harry the retreating burghers.

Considerable results have been attained in the relief of Wepener and in the clearing of the southeastern corner of the Free State of Boers; but the Boer army, whatever its strength, has still to be dealt with.

Besides the casualties among the men, the Boer bombardment of Colonel Dalgely's position wrought great havoc among the cattle and horses. The garrison could have held out for another fortnight, but it is in no condition to render much assistance in pursuing the Boers.

There is little news from other quarters. The inhabitants of Mafeking are now on a daily ration of two pints of soup and two quarts of "skilly."

The war office publishes the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 26:

General Jan Hamilton yesterday drove the enemy off a strong position at Israel's Poort by a well-conceived turning movement, which was admirably carried out by General Ridley, commander of the Second mounted infantry brigade, and General Smith-Forbes, commanding the Eighteenth brigade. These troops are today advancing toward Taba N'Chu. Our losses were slight, only one yet reported—Major Marshall, Grahamstown mounted rifles, severely wounded in the shoulder.

Surprise in Confectionary Trade. Boston, April 27.—Considerable surprise came to the members of the manufacturing confectionary trade Tuesday in the announcement that the old-time firm of B. P. Clark & Co., manufacturers in Cambridgeport, had assigned. Owing to the death within the past few years of three members of this firm, and the consequent withdrawal of their capital, as well as from various other causes, the present firm has found itself unable to meet its obligations at maturity.

Bryan Sticks to Silver. Chicago, April 27.—A special from Wichita, Kan., to The Times-Herald, says: "Neither Editor Morse nor anyone else can succeed in getting me to abandon free silver. I favor it as much as I did in 1896. While free silver will not be the leading issue in this campaign, it will be one of the issues." William J. Bryan made this flat-footed statement during an interview here.

Life Imprisonment For Young. Dedham, Mass., April 27.—The trial of William J. Young, charged with the murder of Benjamin F. Colburn at Randolph, Sept. 9, 1899, ended Thursday by the acceptance by the commonwealth of a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree. Judge Bond immediately imposed a sentence of life imprisonment at state prison, the first three days to be in solitary confinement.

Granite Cutters at Concord Win. Concord, N. H., April 27.—The strike of the granite cutters in this neighborhood has reached a settlement and the cutters are victorious in the fight. The terms agreed upon are practically the same as prevented a strike of any consequence at Barre, Vt., namely, 35 cents an hour as the minimum for the eight-hour day.

Pawtucket Woman Killed. Pawtucket, R. I., April 27.—Mrs. Etta Ricketson was struck Tuesday by an electric car, and had one leg broken, her side crushed and her hip and pelvis bone broken. She died soon afterward. It is generally believed that no blame can be attached to John McLaughlin, the motorman.

One Was Drowned. Portland, Me., April 27.—A boat containing six young men capsized in the harbor Sunday and Albert W. Jackson, aged 22, was drowned. The others were rescued by seamen from nearby vessels. A sad coincidence was an accident to a young man who was the same boat capsized and five men were drowned.

Bicycle Ran Into a Woman. Athol, Mass., April 27.—Dana S. King and Robert Brady, aged about 15 and 25, respectively, are under arrest, charged with manslaughter. The young men were returning on a tandem bicycle from a ride to Orange. They were following an electric car and ran into Mrs. Homer G. Sedgwick, knocking her down. She died 45 hours later.

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## Selected Tale.

### Maybury's Repentance.

"I don't pay much attention to what doctors say," he remarked in his important jovial way. He was a tall, dogmatic, well-dressed man of thirty something. "Point of fact, I've never had occasion to see one before, but—" "You are fortunate, Mr. Maybury. Won't you sit down?"

"No," he replied, "I won't. One doesn't get on in life by sitting down. My motto is to keep going."

"Most of us have to pull up now and again. The human frame—"

"Look here," remarked the city man truculently, "you're not going to frighten me. Although I've had little to do with you medical men, I know there are two sets of you; the optimists and the pessimists. Some of you are too sanguine, and others are not sanguine enough, but none of you tell the precise truth."

"A medical man," said the doctor, trying to suppress his temper, "has to use discretion. A medical man who blurted out the actual truth might well be doing his patient a good deal of harm. You must allow us, my dear sir, to know our own business best."

"That's just what I shall not do!" cried Maybury with vehemence. "There's more of humbug among you doctors than—than—"

"Then in any other profession. Those of you who are not sheer quacks—" "Really, Mr. Maybury," said the doctor, offended, "you must allow me to say—"

"Are you a specialist in this trifling complaint that I am suffering from?" "No," replied the doctor, shortly, "I'm not."

"Then give me," said Maybury, "a note to the man at the top of the tree, and I'll go on there in my car like a shot."

"The doctor was sorry to lose sight so quickly of an important client, but Mr. Maybury's aggressive manner had so pleased him that even doctors, careful as they are to cloak the fact, leave their sensitive moments. He scribbled a note. Mr. Maybury laid on the table an admirable fee, and taking the letter ran out to his car."

"Two, five, two Harley street!" he shouted.

"Right you are, sir," said the cabman. "Wander up or down?"

"Never mind the window. Put your horse along sharp."

"Gent," muttered the cabman to himself, "seems to be in a bit of a hurry."

Indeed, this was the usual manner of Arthur Maybury. When the cab stopped at one of the large houses in Harley street, which bore like all its neighbors, a square brass plate on the open door, he went hastily through the hall, and without going into the waiting room, opened a side door. A stout, florid man was seated at the table reading the advertisements in the British Medical Journal. Mr. Maybury banged his silk hat down on the table and shook hands.

"My name's Maybury," he said, delivering the note. "Here's my card. A meeting of directors is waiting for me at Cannon street Hotel; I can only spare five minutes. Now, just run over me Dr. Jeysoun, as sharp as ever you can, and give me a prescription."

"First give me your symptoms." Mr. Maybury described them. A feeling of depression in the evenings; slight incoherence; absence of appetite. The florid man eyed him curiously and held his wrist for a few moments.

"May as well tell you," went on Maybury, with a burst of frankness, "that I am to be married in a few months to a very charming girl; dare say you have seen the announcement in the papers. Miss Teardle, daughter of that Irishman who lost all his money in the—"

"Mr. Maybury?" This stout, florid man came round and stood with his back to the fireplace. "I have an important announcement to make to you. Your engagement must be cancelled."

"Oh, no," said Maybury, with a gesture of protest. "That be hanged for a tale. She'd go and marry some one else, and they wouldn't have sixpence between them. I couldn't allow her to endure the fate, Dr. Jeysoun."

"I have nothing to do with the lady," he said with gravity. "I am only concerned with you. You are suffering from a rare complaint, known to us medical men as—"

"It is my duty to tell you, sir, that," he coughed and lowered his voice, "that you have but a few days to live."

Arthur Maybury half fell, half sat on the nearest chair. His face went very white; his lips moved, but no sound came.

"Serious news to tell a man, I know, but it's best that you should know the truth. What I recommend is that you should go to the Riviera at once." Maybury ejaculated something in a whisper. "Ah, it's of no use darning the Riviera. That won't help you. You get away by tonight's mail without saying a word about your condition to anybody, and take the few remaining days of your life as quietly and as calmly as you can. Be sure not to talk of it; that will only increase the excitement and hasten the end—I mean to say hasten the end."

"Are you—are you sure of this, Dr. Jeysoun?" stammered Maybury.

"I am not in the habit of making mistakes."

"What is the time now?"

"The hour is now two o'clock. You have seven hours in which to make your arrangements."

"And can't you give me a prescription or anything?"

"My dear sir, pray be reasonable! Yours is no case for prescription."

"There was a pause. Maybury looked stupidly at a portrait of Sir James Paget on the walls without seeing it; his adviser drummed at the mantelpiece impatiently.

"What—what is your fee, Dr. Jeysoun? Shall I give your man a check?"

"Twenty guineas, if you please. Perhaps you will leave it there on the table. Either gold or notes."

With trembling hand Mr. Maybury counted out the amount.

"Twenty-one sovereigns," he said thickly. "Hither a lot of money to pay for being told that one's not going to live a week, isn't it?"

"I'll see you to the door myself, Mr. Maybury. And, above all, don't speak of this to a soul. Make it, I beg, your own secret."

Harley street is really a very straight thoroughfare, but to Maybury, walking down unsteadily toward Cavendish square, it seemed full of odd convolutions. More than once he had to stop and grip at railings in order to recover his self-possession; passers by stared at him curiously, and a servant girl said something so very amusing about his manner to a servant next door that the servant next door nearly slipped down the area steps. In Cavendish square he

became himself. He was a man used to obstacles; his practice in overcoming them came to his aid now. First he must go somewhere and think. His club? No; there he would find men whom he knew. His flat in Ashley Gardens? Yes. He would be alone there. Much to think about and much to do before he left Charing Cross that evening. He would, as the Harley street man had advised him, keep his own company; there was no one in the world with whom he would care to share the secret. He feared that if he were to tell some men of his acquaintance they would have difficulty in repressing signs of satisfaction.

"Wish now," he said desolately, "that I had made one of two friends."

A familiar tap on the shoulder from a swishing stick made him start.

"My dear boy," said Miss Teardle's father, "what on earth are you about at this hour of the day? I thought you were always up to your eyes in business. You're taking a day off, maybe?"

"Yes," he said shortly.

"Up right then?" exclaimed Miss Teardle's father with surprise. It was, in fact, not often that he was correct.

"What wonderful perception on my part! I was telling me daughter only last night that I retained all the powers of insight. But, tell me now, is there anything going that you can recommend to me for an investment?"

"My dear father," said Maybury with impatience, "don't bother me. Besides, you know very well that you have no money to invest."

"I am free to confess," acknowledged Miss Teardle's father, "that for the moment I had overlooked that fact. Is there any message for me dear Margaret? How that girl adores you, my dear Maybury!"

"Are you sure that that is so?"

"Well," said the other, hedging, "she adores you as much as can be expected under the circumstances. I'll be plain with you, Maybury. She's never quite forgotten her young cousin who died out in West Africa, and that's the truth. But after all," he went on indulgently, "that's nothing. It will all pass off. You're a man of the world, Maybury."

"Temporarily."

"Ah," said Miss Teardle's father. "We'll none of us live forever, unfortunately. And that reminds me. Have you such a thing as a five pound note, my boy, about you that you could conveniently spare for twenty-four hours? I'm infinitely obliged to you."

"Teardle!"

"Sir," said the grateful old gentleman.

"With reference to Margaret," Maybury hesitated for a moment. The march of four young women across the pavement from a brougham to a shop separated them for a few moments. "I want to ask you something. Do you think that she would be sorry if—any thing serious was to happen to me?"

"My boy! You're not the kind of man that anything serious happens to. You're too knowing for that."

"I want an answer to my question."

"Maybury," said Mr. Teardle, placing the note carefully in his pocketbook, as though to hint that it would be disturbed with great caution, "I'll tell you the truth. There was when she became engaged to you at my particular request, and there was no great affection on her side. But I'm speaking the honest truth when I tell you that she is now positively fond of you."

"Ah!"

"To be brutally frank," remarked the old gentleman, "let me tell you that you have some good qualities below the surface, but that it takes time to find them. For my part, I consider myself deeply indebted to you."

"I suppose you are," said Maybury.

"I hate the word 'goodby'," said the effusive old Irishman. "Let us borrow the phrase of our lively neighbors and say 'au revoir.'"

"Goodby," repeated the other steadily.

It was a great relief to him when the lift taken him up to his floor in Ashley Gardens and he was able to lock the dining-room door upon himself. The two maid-servants did not hear him arrive, and they went on in high-pitched tones with a quarrel which was not really a quarrel, but a kind of sham debate, probably started to escape monotony. The elder of the two had been a servant with his parents; her voice made him think of his mother. One of Maybury's best traits, and one that he never revealed to the world was his affection for the memory of his mother; for the first time since her death he thought of the possibility of meeting her again.

"But she was a good woman," he said.

Was it too late to make some reparation for his acts of the last few years? The clock on the mantelpiece struck the hour and reminded him that there were no moments to waste. He went to the writing desk in the corner—there was a writing desk in every room in the flat—and unlocked the stationery stand. He opened his checkbook and laid it on the ledge and for half an hour he wrote swiftly several letters. It was not possible to make amends to all the people to whom he had acted unfairly, but there were some who, by reason of their association with him, were now in distressed circumstances. To these he wrote letters which had for company a check.

"There seems," he said thoughtfully, after the half hour's work, "a good deal to clear up."

To Margaret Teardle he wrote a long, affectionate letter, the composition of which cost him some trouble; when he had finished it he thought for a moment and then tore it into many pieces, because he felt that it would give pain. He substituted a friendly little note, simply announcing his departure. Maybury had never made his will, because it had always seemed an absurdly premature thing to do. Now he took a sheet of paper and thought.

The elder servant, answering the ring, appeared in the dining room. Her master was reading over the sheet of paper which he had written out, and he did not speak to her at once.

"Didn't know you were in, sir. Letters to post, sir? I'll send them down by the lift boy at once. Would you like dinner a little earlier?"

"Pack my bag, Martha, please. I'm going away to the south of France."

"Be away long, sir?" inquired the middle-aged servant. "Sense my asking."

"I don't know when I shall be back," he said wearily. "And Martha?"

"Sir?"

"Oblige me by witnessing my signature here, and call the other maid in to do the same. I have just been making my will."

He endorsed the document "Will and Testament of Arthur Maybury," and placed it in a corner of the desk. He went again to look at himself in the mirror, and felt gratified to find himself looking sane and normal; a tinge of color had returned to his face. He took the photograph of Margaret Teardle from

an expensive frame and placed it carefully in his pocket. Then he looked through the mirror revolving bookcase for a volume which seemed was not there, for he had to ring and disturb Martha in her work of packing his portmanteau.

"A Common Prayer Book!" exclaimed that astonished woman. "Certainly, sir, I can lend you one."

He found the service that he desired to read at the end of the collection. It occurred to him that it was a piece of careful editing to begin with the Public Baptism of Infants, and to place the service for Burial of the Dead toward the end. He read the latter softly to himself, and tears came very near to his eyes now and again, for the words gave him memories. He had heard them read several times; it seemed queer that he had never till now thought of the occasion when they would be read over him.

"Your tag, sir," said Martha, bringing in the portmanteau, "and I don't think I've forgotten anything."

"Martha," he said.

"Yes, sir."

"I am a little weak in the head, but I am not very well, and I am going away to the south of France for the benefit of my health."

"Master Arthur! It's nothing serious, I hope?"

"I'm afraid I've been rather—rather a selfish master during the last few years. If at any time I have been harsh in speaking to you, if I have seemed to forget you were an old servant of my dear mother's, I want to ask your pardon."

"No, no, Master Arthur," said the woman, tearful, "not that. You mustn't ask my pardon."

"I should like you to think of me," he said, "as I was when a boy, and—"

He stopped for there was a choking in his throat. "Bring for a handkerchief," he said.

"I can tell, sir," said Martha quietly, "that you're not 'all well.'"

He looked around when the servant had gone and said farewell to the room. Opening his portmanteau, he found room for some letter paper and envelopes; there would be time, he hoped, out in the south of France to take further steps to right the wrongs that he had committed. For the first time he recognized the amazing change that the Harley street man's announcement had made in him; the quiet, thoughtful man, with a great affection in his heart for the world seemed to have no relationship with the assertive, buoyant man who had left for the city that morning.

"Cab's waiting, sir," said Martha. "And here's a telegram."

"I won't trouble to open it," he remarked. "It's from my partner, I expect. I can't bother about business any more."

"It might be private, sir."

Only the thought that it might be from Margaret Teardle induced him to open the envelope. It was not from her.

"Can I see you at your rooms now?" "JEYSOUN."

He scribbled hurriedly a reply on the back.

"Am leaving Charing Cross to-night's mail. MAYBURY."

"Please send that, Martha," he said.

"Goodby, Master Arthur," said the woman. "And I do hope you'll be back soon."

"Goodby."

He repeated these two words many times as the cab took him past the Abbey and up Parliament street. At Charing Cross there was time to spare, and feeling hungry he went into the hotel. Something to his surprise he found himself able to eat with admirable appetite; a small bottle of white wine added to his content. He felt half inclined to speak to the people who were eating at the next table, and to tell them that he had but six days to live; to tell them that he was facing the certain thing with self-possession. One of the party commenced to brag solemnly about an attack of toothache, and Maybury smiled at the want of proportion.

He had taken his ticket, and was at the wooden barriers leading to the Continental platform when he saw a clean-shaven, anxious old gentleman scanning the faces of the passengers. He touched the shoulder of the man who was going through in front of Maybury.

"Excuse me," he said, "is your name Maybury?"

"Comment?" asked the man. "You're a ditty?"

"My name is Maybury."

"Glad to have found you," declared the anxious old man. "My name is Jeysoun, of Harley street."

"I think not," said Maybury. "I saw that gentleman late this afternoon, and you are certainly not he."

"My dear sir," cried the old man sharply, "do you think I don't know who I am?"

"Apparently you do not."

"I beg your pardon," he said apologetically. "I had forgotten. Very natural consequences of a very annoying circumstance. Tell me! You called at Harley street about four o'clock. I found your card there. You had an interview and you paid a fee. How much did you pay?" Maybury with some interest gave the information.

"He's a scoundrel!" declared the old man.

"Who?"

"My new man. I was out when you called; if you had gone into the waiting room the page boy would have told you so. I hope he did not give you a prescription?"

"He only told me," stammered Maybury, perplexed, "that I had but six days to live, and that I had better get away from London at once."

"Upon my word!" declared Dr. Jeysoun, "that was clever."

"But—was he wrong, then?"

"Wrong!" cried the concerned old man. "Of course he was wrong—all wrong. It has taken me ever since five o'clock to try to remedy the mischief that he in ten minutes managed to do to my practice. Drive back with me to my brougham."

Later the two sat in the doctor's private room in Harley street. Dr. Jeysoun, smoking a long cigar, had just concluded one of his best stories of an incident at Bart's. His guest was courteously amused, but he seemed to be thinking of other matters.

"And you feel sure that I am all right, doctor?" he asked for the fourth time.

"My dear sir," said Jeysoun emphatically, "you're as sound as a bell. Go slow; many this charming young woman's settle down. Only thing I'm concerned about is that you will accept my apology for the shock you've had. I hope it hasn't done you any harm."

"Indeed?" said Arthur Maybury, "I'm sure it has done me good!" "W. Pitt Ridge, in the Sphere."

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## She Decided to Remain.

"I will," she exclaimed. "I will not live with you another day!"

"You'll leave me, will you?" he calmly asked.

"Yes, I will."

"When?"

"Now—right off—this minute."

"You'll go away?"

"Yes, sir."

"I wouldn't if I were you."

"But I will, and I defy you to prevent me, as I have suffered at your hands as long as I can put up with it."

"Oh, I shan't try to stop you," he quietly replied. "I'll simply report to the police that my wife has mysteriously disappeared. They'll want your description, and I will give it. Your wear No. 7 shoes; you have an extra large mouth; you walk stiff in the knees; your nose turns up at the end; eyes rather on the squint; voice like a—"

"Wretch! You wouldn't dare do that!" she screamed.

"I certainly will, and the description will go in all the papers."

They glared at each other a moment in silence. Then it was plain to see he had the dead wood on her. "Columbus Journal."

## Strawberries on Trees.

At last M. Babel, the great French specialist, has been enabled to grow strawberries on plants of a decidedly tree-like nature. The method is simply this. The runners are trained up vertically and tied to a stake, in the same way that a pot tomato plant is, and then the lateral buds are pinched out. Result—a strawberry tree on a small scale.

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It is predicted by several eminent members of the Royal Horticultural Society that the tree strawberry will be a prominent feature of the coming fruit shows in England during the present year.—London Leader.

**Cruel Joke on Andrew Lang.**

Even the shrewdest persons may at times be deceived. No matter how much people may differ upon the genius of Andrew Lang, they are unanimous in regard to his quick intelligence and his talent for playing golf. Not long ago he was a guest at a very distinguished dinner, which he is said to have described as an extraordinary survival of savage mystery.—Saturday Post.

**More Sentiment than Ambition.**

"It's this kind of work," said Tommy Atkins as the Mueser bullets whistled overhead, "that has fixed things so we can say that the sun never sets on our empire."

"Yes," replied his companion, "and it's this kind of work that makes a fellow want to see a good old-fashioned sunset again!"—Puck.

**A Mean Trick.**

"Jack," asked the father, "are you going in for any of the school sports this year?"

"Yes, daddy," replied the unsuspecting boy, "I'm going to try for the mile race."

"Good," returned the father. "I have a letter to be posted, and it's about a mile to the post office and back. Let me see what time you can do it in."—Stray Stories.

**Information Wanted.**

Stranger—I noticed your advertisement in the paper this morning for a man to retail imported canaries.

Proprietor of Bird Store—Yes, sir. Are you looking for a job?

Stranger—Oh, no; I merely had a curiosity to know how the canaries lost their tails.—Chicago News.

**Enemy of the Leather Trust.**

This story comes from London, and is told as an absolute fact. On Wednesday Mrs. Ben Wise went to P. R. Middleworth's store in this village and found new rubbers fitted over a pair of shoes she has worn for thirteen years, and they are good shoes yet. Detroit Free Press.

**As Clear as Mud.**

"O'Della, what is all this woman's club trouble about, anyway?"

"Well, Henry, I'll give it to you in a nutshell—one faction wants to federate the federations of the federations and admit men, and the other faction wants to federate the federations of the federations and not admit men."—The Indianapolis Journal.

**No Doubt of It.**

"Do you expect your husband will buy you a new Easter hat, Mrs. Spend-it?"

"Goodness, no! I wouldn't trust him to do it. But you can be sure he'll give me the money to buy it with."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**Distressing Mistakes.**

"A man can't be too careful whom he snubs."

"What do you mean?"

"Why, every once in a while I've snubbed some plain people who afterward came into a lot of money."—Chicago Record.

**Willie's Labor Views.**

Teacher—If one man can perform a piece of work in six days, how long will it take six men to do it?

Willie—About six weeks.

Teacher—How do you get that?

Willie—Six men would get up a strike.—New York Herald.

Tutor. You know, of course, that in Christian countries such as ours a man is only allowed one wife. Now, what is that state of things called?

Pupil. I know, Monogamy!—Punch.

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## A Master Stroke.

Charles—Clarence, you had better write your offer for my hand to put on your typewriter.

Clarence—Why, dear, that would be bad form.

Charles—Yes, Clarence, but it would make me think you were full of business.—The Chicago Record.

Judge—So the prisoner left you on the head with a brick, did he?

McClinty—Yes, yer honor.

Judge—But it seems he didn't quite kill you, anyway.

McClinty—No, but 'tween us him and I's wishin' he had O'd be.

Judge—Why do you wish that?

McClinty—Begorry, thin O'd would have seen the scoundrel hanged for murder.—Chicago News.



*William Winter's Copy.*

to im- "Yes, I've just learned that  
John wants to get out of doing  
always thing or going anywhere with  
his friends down town," he tells the  
wife. "I won't let him."—Chicago

## Historical and Genealogical.

## Notes and Queries.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1900.

## QUERIES.

1237. BUTCHER—Wanted, information as to the origin of the Butcher family in New England, or as to any of the name who lived there during the Colonial period.—A. S. G.

1238. BARTLETT—Wanted, information as to Robert Bartlett, who resided in Hartford, Conn., and Northampton, Mass., and was killed by Indians at Northampton, in 1676. When was he born, and who were his parents, and who were the parents of his wife, Anne?—A. S. G.

1239. POTTER—Wanted, information as to Elwood Potter, who emigrated, 1630, and his son Medad, time and place of birth, marriage and death, names and parentage of Elwood's wife, and what offices, civil or military, if any, ever held by them.—A. S. G.

1240. WEAVER—John Weaver, born at Newport, R. I., August 5, 1691, and for wife, Patience. He died at Voluntown, Conn., in May or June, 1752. His children, then living, in order of birth, were Edward, John, Constant, and Elizabeth (wife of Joshua King, of Gloucester, R. I.). He was a cordwainer and was in Rehoboth, Mass., in 1725, and in Swansea as early as 1733, and as late as 1741. The son Edward married Eliza Chase of Swansea, Mass., September 18, 1737. I want information as to the parentage of the above Patience, wife of John. She must have been out of the Southworth or other Plymouth stock, as this is the first appearance of an Edward or Constant among the Weavers of Rhode Island. Her own name, Patience, also suggests this origin. I should also like information about the son Edward. An Edward Weaver, called "of Norwich," Connecticut, November 23, 1749, sold land lying "at Ye Landing Place in sd. Norwich." Was it he?—O. W. W.

1241. KEEN. HART—I find this record at Boston, Mass. "Letter of administration was granted to Patrick Keen of Newport, R. I., on estate of Richard Hart Seaman deceased 14 day of February 1694-5 late of sloop Dragon, Robert Glover, Commander. Patrick Keen was a kinsman to Richard Hart." Recorded Suffolk Co., Boston, Mass., Book 13, Page 597. Do the Probate records of Newport show distribution of Richard Hart's property?—J. M. H.

1242. PARKER—Can the writer of query 1206 help me in my Parker line? I want to identify William and Sarah Parker, who were of Egg Harbor, New Jersey. Their daughter Lavinia married my grandfather Jeremiah Hopper, September 1, 1823. Lavinia was born March 22, 1800, and died November 15, 1840. What was the ancestry of William Parker?—H. S. H.

1243. COLLINS. HAMMOND—Has any one any record of a marriage between a Miss Collins descended from a Crisston family and a Hammond who lived in Virginia? The marriage was probably in the present century. Miss Collins was a sister of George? Collins of New York City, and a cousin or second cousin of Tillinghast King Collins of Philadelphia.—H. S. H.

1244. HAMMOND—Since writing query 1204, I have been informed that the first Gideon Hammond, with brothers Amos and James, settled in Rhode Island, on the Quinebaug River, at a place known in early history as "Nine Partners," and that Gideon, Jr., who married first Rachel Horton and second Sarah Chase, was his grandson, the son of his son Gideon, who was born at this place called "Nine Partners." Can any one tell me what is the present name of the location once known by that name, or give me any information that may be of use in getting further records of this family?—F. S. H.

1245. BREWSTER—Jonathan Brewster, eldest son of Elder William and Mary, his wife, born at Scrooby, England, 1593. Came in the Fortune to Plymouth in 1621; married Lucretia Oldham. He removed to Duxbury, in 1632; afterward to New London in 1645 died 1661.

A daughter Mary, born in Holland, married John Turner. In the history of Bristol County, Mass., descriptive of Taunton, it appears that John Turner one of thirty-five persons (mentioned in a second list) who according to the record "have paid their twelve shillings, and by virtue thereof have and shall have right in all future divisions." (These "twelve shillings" being for "public use" and to extinguish the Indian title). John Turner was superintendent or foreman of the forge in Taunton in 1656, and was a surveyor in 1675. John and Elizabeth (—) Turner, who married March 9, 1657-71, Benedict Arnold, Gent., a son of Governor Benedict Arnold, of Rhode Island. I would like the ancestry of John Turner, and his wife's maiden name. Is John Turner who married Mary Brewster, the same person who was a resident in Taunton in 1656? If not, what relationship existed between them?—C. S.

1246. WENDELL—Who was the wife of Cornelius Wendell, of John, of Schaghticoke, New York, who died at Warren, New York, in 1808 or thereabouts? When was he born, and what were the dates of his wife's birth and death?—J. S.

1247. LANSING—Elsie Lansing was baptized March 12, 1699, in New York, N. Y. She was the daughter of Gerrit Lansing. I should like to know whom she married, and the dates of her marriage and death. Also names of her children, if she had any.—L. M.

1248. BENSON—Matthew Benson, of Captain John and Elizabeth Benson, was born January 5, 1693, married first

Elizabeth Bussing, in 1716, and second Hannah, daughter of John Edsall, and widow of Gerrit De Groot, December 9, 1727. The children were Gerrit; Benjamin, born 1733; Samuel, married Ann Steele, in 1759; Charity, married William Roe, in 1755. Who can give the birth dates of these children? Whom did Benjamin and Gerrit marry? Is there a list of the children of the two younger children, Samuel and Charity?—L. M.

1249. RATHBONE—Who was Margaret, wife of John Rathbone, of Block Island? There children were as follows: 1. William, married Sarah, December 18, 1650; 2. Thomas, married Mary Dickens, April 21, 1685; 3. John married Ann Dodge, January 10, 1688; 4. Joseph, married Mary Mosher, May 19, 1691; 5. Samuel, married Patience, November 3, 1692; 6. Sarah; 7. Margaret; 8. Elizabeth. When were these children born? Can any reader of the Mercury supply the missing names and dates?—J. M.

1250. MOTT. RATHBONE—Who was the Sarah Mott, who married William Rathbone, of William and Sarah (—) Rathbone, of Block Island, January 30, 1705-6. Who can give me her ancestry and the dates of her birth and death?—J. M.

1251. TREAT—Richard Treat, who came to America very early had wife Joanna. What was her maiden name? His second wife was Alice. What was her ancestry? Did he have any children by his second wife? Only a part of his family came to America with him. Can any one tell me which ones came?—A. C. T.

1252. WRIGHT. CHITTENDEN.—Thomas Wright, of Thomas, of Westchester, Conn., married Elizabeth Chittenden, June 16, 1657. What was her ancestral record? He died April, 1711. Does any one know when he was born? His brother James, married for his first wife, Mary. What was her maiden name, and who were her parents? He married second Dorcas Weed, November 20, 1660. Were there any children by either wife? If so, what were their names, and what were the dates of their birth, marriage and death?—O. N. W.

1253. WELLES—Did Thomas Welles marry Sarah Styles, August 21, 1702? I think they were of Hartford or Westchester, Conn. He was the grandson of John and Elizabeth (Curtis) Welles, and son of John Welles and his wife Mary Hollister. What was the ancestry of said Sarah Styles? When was she born, and where?—O. N. W.

1254. MARVIN—Samuel Marvin, son of Matthew Marvin, Jr., and Mary, married in Norwalk, Conn., and had three children, Matthew, Samuel, and Josiah. Who was his wife, and when were they married? What was the maiden name of his mother? His son Josiah married, does any one know whom? Any information about this branch of the Marvin family gladly received.—C. V. S.

1255. HAMLIN—Tradition says that James Hamlin came to New England probably about 1640, and settled in Barnstable, Mass., where he remained permanently. His wife was Anne. What was her parentage? How many children had they, and what were their names and dates of birth and marriage? Can any one give me information concerning these Hamlins, or tell me where I can get it?—S. A. G.

1256. DEMING—John Deming is named in the charter of Connecticut in 1632. He married Joanna. Who can tell me her maiden name, and ancestry? Were there children? He died in 1705, and his will mentioned son Jonathan. Should like to know the names of other children, if there were any.—M. H. K.

1257. REED—Thomas Reed, of John and Derby Reed, married Mary Olmstead, of Lieut. John. What was the Christian name of Derby, and what was her ancestry? Was the wife of Lieut. John Olmstead? Thomas Reed and Mary Olmstead were married May 9, 1694. I should like to see a list of their children.—H. N. D.

## ANSWERS.

1193. COOK—William Cook married Nancy Coggeshall, not Cogswell, of Edgington, Me. She was the daughter of Timothy and Celia (Wilde) Coggeshall, of Taunton, Mass. They were married 1797. W. H. Cook, their son, was living at Edgington, Penobscot County, Me., a few years ago.—C. P. C.

1226. KIRTLAND—Nathaniel Kirtland (Philip, John) married Parrell, not Parner. They had Nathaniel, born at Southold, L. I.; Philip (perhaps), Ann, born at Lynn, April 16, 1658; John, born at Lynn, August, 1660; Hannah, born April 15, 1662; Elizabeth, born at Lynn, March 20, 1664, married William Pratt, of Saybrook, son of Lieutenant William Pratt; Mary and Martha, born in Lynn, May 15, 1667. Of these, Martha married first Joseph Blagie, afterward Blake, and had three children. She then married Captain William Southworth (Constant) and had Gideon and Andrew Southworth. The first part of the meeting was an Easter concert given by the members of the Sabbath school, assisted by junior members from Swansea and Fall River. The second part of the meeting was of more than usual interest as it

1227. ALLEN—The first wife of William Allen, of Manchester, Mass., was "Alice" (perhaps Alice), as appears by a memorandum written by himself, wherein we read "My son Samuel is 8th of 11 mo 1631 by Als my wife." "But we had a daughter we intended to call Peris born in 12th mo 1630 by Als my wife, but died within a week." "And my wife Als departed this life about the 1st of first month 1632." The above account was dated 24 September 1645. See page 29 of the "Supplement to the Allen Family." Also Vol. 27 of the Essex Institute Historical Collections.—F. A. H.

## Tiverton.

Special services were held Sunday afternoon at the Quaker Meeting House, situated at the head of Anthony's Hill. There was a large attendance from out of town friends. Amongst them Mr. Aydelotte of Fall River, Mr. Estes of Newport, Mr. Hoffman of Portsmouth, Mr. Jones of Swansea, and the venerable Oladiah Chase and wife of Swansea. The first part of the meeting was an Easter concert given by the members of the Sabbath school, assisted by junior members from Swansea and Fall River. The second part of the meeting was of more than usual interest as it

consisted of a reorganization of the Friends' Society in this town, by giving the right hand of fellowship to nine persons, who, in forming a society here, became a branch of the Swansea Friends' Society. The above mentioned ministers took part in the services. Mr. Oladiah Chase gave a short address, referring to promises made in olden times. There is much of interest as well as sadness connected with this modest little building which is capable of seating about 150 and which is the third erected on the same site. The Society was formed before the revolution and during the war the first meeting house was used as a hospital; subsequently this was torn down and another erected, which was destroyed by fire in 1860. The last service held in it was the funeral service of Mrs. Chase, the mother of the Hon. John K. Chase of Portsmouth. It is supposed a defective chimney caused the conflagration. The third and present meeting house was built soon after the fire, so that it is now about 40 years old. Until ten years ago services had for many years been discontinued, as one by one the seats became vacant and one by one the additional mounds were raised in the cemetery adjoining the meeting house and no new members came to fill the places of those earliest faithful Christians. Mr. Barker and Mr. Hicks were the last of the old society. These two sat alone in their loved house of prayer, silently worshipping alone with their God, until only one was left and then for many years it would seem as though "Tiverton" was written upon its deserted walls.

At the annual Financial Town Meeting held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. with George L. Church moderator, and A. Lincoln Hamlin clerk, the treasurer's report was read and accepted. Voted that the tax be \$3 per thousand the same as last year. Voted that the collector of taxes be instructed to collect all taxes at once. Voted that the State tax be paid out of the town's funds. Voted that the appropriations for the support of public schools for the year ensuing be \$5000. Voted that the appropriations for highways be \$8,500. Voted that the appropriation for running the stone crusher be \$4,000. A motion was made and seconded that the \$1,000 appropriation should be expended on contract and the contract work be done by the citizens of Tiverton only. It was voted that the crushed stone placed upon the road should be rolled. A motion to purchase a steam roller of five tons was left over for future consideration. The Town Treasurer was authorized to open, purchase or condemn W. J. Tison street from the East End to the Main road and work the same. Voted that the shunters of Bay street will deed to the Town of Tiverton a strip of land 50 feet wide from the State line to the North line of land belonging to the heirs of Benjamin C. Borden. The town will accept said road. A motion made that a municipal year book containing all the reports of the town's business should be printed similar to one prepared by the town clerk of Middletown was lost. It was voted that a bounty of \$5 be given for every fox killed in the town of Tiverton; also that satisfactory proof of the fox killed be presented to the right authorities. This vote applied to foxes killed after the 25th of April. Voted that the Town Clerk be authorized to do whatever is necessary towards the preservation of the Land and Probate records. An appropriation of \$150 was made for this purpose.

Steamer Priscilla has gone on the line after her usual spring overhauling. The Priscilla replaced the Plymouth on Thursday and the former and the Puritan are now making the run from Fall River to New York.

First Class Battleship Kearsarge, the pride of the American navy, will shortly arrive in Newport to receive her torpedo outfit.

## MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of the power of sale contained in a certain Mortgage deed made by Francis T. Clarke of the City and County of Newport, and State of Rhode Island, to the Federal Savings Bank, bearing date March 20th, A. D. 1898, and recorded in Land Evidence of said Newport Mortgage, Vol. 32 at Pages 21 and 22, which said mortgage has since been duly assigned to John M. Leonard of the City of Fall River in the County of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, there having been default in performance of the condition contained in said mortgage.

There will be sold at Public Auction on THURSDAY, May 24, A. D. 1900 at 12 o'clock noon, on the premises hereinafter described in said City of Newport, all the right, title and interest of the said Francis T. Clarke, at the time of the execution of said mortgage in and to all that certain lot or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon, bounded and described as follows, viz: Northernly, on Parker Avenue, Easterly on land of the estate of John A. Hazard, deceased; Southernly, on land of the estate of George H. Warren, deceased; and Westerly, partly on land of Laura S. Senter, and partly on land of Whitney Warren, or his heirs or assigns, the same may be bounded or described, and being the same premises described in said mortgage.

The undersigned hereby gives notice of his intention to bid at said sale.

JOHN M. LEONARD, Assignee of Mortgage.

Newport, April 28th, 1900—17.

For Sale.

PAIR OF HORSES, large size, sound and kind, for carriage or other work, single or double, also carriage in good order.

Apply at MR. WILLARDS, Near Mile Corner.

Coddington Savings Bank.

The General of the Wickford line is being overhauled in preparation for the season's work and her place is taken by the Squamitum which looks well after undergoing repairs. The City of Newport is also off the line for repairs and the Bay Queen is running between Newport and Providence.

At the Court of Probate of the City of Newport in Rhode Island, holden on Monday the 24th day of April, A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m.

ON THE PETITION in writing of John W. Clarke presented this day, praying that he assume office as sole person may be appointed Guardian of the person and estate of FERRY L. CLARKE, of said Newport who is represented in said petition as a minor under the age of fourteen years resident of said Newport.

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be referred to the 11th day of May, A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Probate Office in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested by advertisement in the Newport Mercury once a week at least, for fourteen days, viz: MONDAY, A. D. 1900.

Court of Probate, Middletown, R. I., April 24, A. D. 1900.

MARY L. WILLIAMS presents to this Court her petition in writing, praying that an instrument in writing therewith presented, bearing date August 7, 1899, purporting to be the last will and testament of her mother, ANN SARAH PERKINS, widow, late of said Middletown, deceased, may be proved, approved, allowed and recorded, and that she be appointed administrator with the will annexed on the estate of said deceased.

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be referred to the Court of Probate, to be held at the Town Hall in said Middletown, on Monday, the twenty-first day of May next, at 10 o'clock a. m., and that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week at least, in the Newport Mercury.

ALBERT L. CHASE, Probate Clerk.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby gives notice that by the will of ANN S. PERKINS, widow, late of Middletown, R. I., deceased, he is appointed sole Executor thereof, that said will has been proved, allowed and passed for record by the Court of Probate of said Middletown, that he has given bond to said Court and is now duly qualified as Executor of said will. All persons having claims against the estate of said Ann S. Perkins, are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of May next, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the office of the Clerk of said Court, within six months from the date hereof, and those indebted to said estate to make payment to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of May next, at 10 o'clock a. m., and that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week at least, in the Newport Mercury.

Middletown, R. I., April 24, 1900.

Court of Probate, Middletown, R. I., April 16, A. D. 1900.

CELIA S. COGGESHALL, and others, present to this Court their petition in writing, praying that Joseph Coggeshall, or some other suitable person, may be appointed administrator de bonis non with the will annexed on the estate of WILLIAM COGGESHALL, late of said Middletown, deceased.

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be referred to the Court of Probate, to be held at the Town Hall in said Middletown, on Monday, the twenty-first day of May next, at 10 o'clock a. m., and that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week at least, in the Newport Mercury.

ALBERT L. CHASE, Probate Clerk.

Court of Probate, Middletown, R. I., April 16, A. D. 1900.

J. STACY BROWN, the Administrator on the estate of WILLIAM C. HAMMOND, late of said Middletown, deceased, presents to this Court his first and final account therewith, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to the Court of Probate, to be held at the Town Hall in said Middletown, on Monday, the twenty-first day of May next, at 10 o'clock a. m., and that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week at least, in the Newport Mercury.

ALBERT L. CHASE, Probate Clerk.

For Sale.

PAIR OF HORSES, large size, sound and kind, for carriage or other work, single or double, also carriage in good order.

Apply at MR. WILLARDS, Near Mile Corner.

Coddington Savings Bank.

Miss Elizabeth R. Scovill, a former matron at the Newport Hospital, has been the guest of Mrs. C. F. Barker the past week.

CITY OF NEWPORT.

Notice to Owners and Keepers of Dogs.

The best day for licensing horses for dogs, unless one dollar and fifteen cents, and fifteen at five dollars and fifteen cents, is Monday, April 30, 1900.

During the month of May, one dollar additional will be charged, and beginning with June 1, 1900, every owner or keeper of a dog without a license will be liable to a fine of ten dollars for every dog not licensed.

OFFICE OF THE CITY SEALER.

NOTICE is hereby given that there has been presented and is pending in the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, and a petition for the passage of an act entitled "An act in amendment of and to incorporate the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company," passed by the General Assembly at its January Session, A. D. 1899, and any act in amendment thereof, and that said act now pending in said General Assembly authorized said New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to exercise the right of eminent domain in any and all of the cities, towns and districts in the counties of Providence, Kent, Bristol, Newport and Washington. This notice is given by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, which is the petitioner of said act.

NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD COMPANY, BY EDWARD H. CHASE, its Attorney and Agent, duly authorized.

OFFICE OF THE CITY SEALER.

Weights & Measures.

NEWPORT, R. I., March 21, 1900.

Thereby give notice as required by law, to all persons engaged in the trade of buying and selling, or of selling, or as a public weigher, who shall use, or permit to be used for him, or have in his possession at his place of business, or upon any vehicle, or other vehicle which is used by him in carrying on his business, or upon his person while engaged in his business, any weight, measure, balance or scale of whatever description, unless such weight, measure, balance or scale shall have been duly sealed in conformity with the provisions of said Chapter, and every such person who violates any weight, measure, balance or scale, after it has been duly sealed, so that it does not conform to the United States Standard, and every such person who has in his possession, or uses, or permits to be used, or has in his possession, or uses, or permits to be used, any weight, measure, balance or scale, which has been refused to allow to be examined or sealed by the City Sealer, or who refuses to comply with the provisions of said Chapter, or who shall use, or permit to be used for him, or have in his possession any weight, measure, balance or scale, or any measure not made of the shape or dimensions required by law, shall be fined the sum of twenty dollars for each offense, or one-half the value of the weight, measure, balance or scale, or the value of the town or city in which the offense shall have been committed, and one-half thereof to the complainant.

SEAL. This seal shall take effect from and after its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

GEORGE H. TAYLOR, City Sealer of Weights and Measures.

All measures, both dry and wet, must be brought to the Sealer's Office. Where it is not convenient for dealers to bring on their scales and weights, I shall call on them at the expiration of one month's notice as above.

GEORGE H. TAYLOR, City Sealer.

Mortgagee's Sale.

To WILLIAM GODDARD, the heirs of WILLIAM GODDARD, deceased, and all other persons interested in the premises.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by the said William Goddard and Maria Goddard (formerly M. M. Chase, dated September 23, 1899, and recorded in Land Evidence of the State of Rhode Island, in Volume 32 at Pages 21 and 22, which said mortgage has since been duly assigned to Carrie A. Chase, there having been default in performance of the condition contained in said mortgage, there will be sold by public auction on the premises, on

MONDAY, April 30, 1900, at 12 o'clock p. m., all and singular, the premises described in said mortgage deed as follows, viz: A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Tiverton and bounded and described as follows: Northernly, by a contemplated forty foot street to the lot owned by the said William Goddard and Maria Goddard, and now owned by George N. Durfee, and William M. Chase, one hundred and twenty-five feet; Southernly, by land formerly owned by the said William Goddard and Maria Goddard, and now owned by George N. Durfee, one hundred and twenty-five feet; Easternly, by land formerly owned by the said William Goddard and Maria Goddard, and now owned by George N. Durfee, one hundred and twenty-five feet; and Westernly, by land formerly owned by the said William Goddard and Maria Goddard, and now owned by George N. Durfee, one hundred and twenty-five feet. Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. Terms at sale.

The undersigned hereby gives notice of her intention to bid at said sale.

CARRIE A. CHASE, Assignee of Mortgage.

Block Island, R. I., April 28th, 1900—17.

For Rent.

Good rooms in the NEW CRY Building, either furnished or unfurnished. Possession given April 1st. Enquire at the MERCURY OFFICE.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Wood are at the Catskills, where they have gone for the benefit of Mr. Wood's health.

TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN.

Town Tax and Poll Tax for 1900.

Assessors' Notice.

MIDDLETOWN, R. I., April 28, A. D. 1900.

THE UNDERSIGNED, Assessors of Taxes in and for the town of Middletown, in the State of Rhode Island, and duly elected thereto and sworn, hereby give notice, that for the purpose of assessing the town tax on the annual Town Meeting held in said Middletown, on the fourth day of April, A. D. 1900, and assessing the poll tax for the current year A. D. 1900, as provided in Chapter 57 of the General Laws of this State, they will meet at the Town Hall in said Middletown, on

Wednesday, the Twenty-third Day of May Next, A. D. 1900,

on Thursday, the twenty-fourth, and on Friday, the twenty-fifth day of said month of May, and will be in session on each of said days, from nine o'clock a. m., until four o'clock p. m., to make and compile the assessment of the two taxes hereinafter mentioned and fix a valuation on the taxable property of said Town.

And all persons and corporations liable to taxation in said Middletown are hereby notified and required to bring in to the undersigned, assessors aforesaid, a true and exact account of all their real estate, describing and specifying the value of every parcel of their real and personal estate, and to make out a list of the same, and to sign the same, and to deliver the same to the undersigned, assessors aforesaid, before the day of the meeting of said Town. And whoever neglects or refuses to bring in such account if overtaxed, shall have no remedy therefor, except by law. Every male person above the age of twenty years, who pays no property tax, or property tax less than one dollar, and who, if registered would be qualified to vote, is liable to the payment of a poll tax of one dollar, or so much thereof as with the other taxes assessed against said person shall amount to one dollar.

JOHN W. WILKINSON, Assessors of Taxes.

WHOSE HEAD

ACHES?

YOU! If so what is the cause? Does a little worry or overwork bring that tight, sore, uneasy feeling sensation at the base of the brain, just back of the ear? Have you ever thought it might be due to your eyes? Could we convince you by relieving it with glasses? This is one of the "eye headaches" so common with those having pronounced refractive errors. Proper glasses will correct the defect. The cause removed the effects disappear.

Examinations Free.

H. A. HEATH & CO.

JEWELERS and OPTICIANS.

162 THAMES STREET, NEWPORT, R. I.

Mortgagee's Sale.

BY VIRTUE of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed made by Gratton N. Milkin and Blanche Milkin, both of the Town of New Shoreham, County of Newport and State of Rhode Island, to John Wilber of Providence in the County of Providence and State of Rhode Island, bearing date, January 18th, A. D. 1898, and recorded in Volume 30 of the Land Evidence of the State of Rhode Island, in said State of Rhode Island, there having been default in performance of the conditions contained in said mortgage.

There will be sold at Public Auction on the premises hereinafter described in the said mortgage of New Shoreham, on THURSDAY, May 8, A. D. 1900, at 12 o'clock a. m., all the right, title and interest of Gratton N. Milkin, Blanche Milkin, Herbert S. Milkin and Laura A. Milkin, both of the Town of New Shoreham, County of Newport and State of Rhode Island, and the heirs of the late Thomas Rose, northerly, on land of Freeman Milkin, Gordon Milkin, and Arnold Milkin, easterly, on the Sea Shore and land of Freeman Milkin, and southerly, on land now or formerly of Herbert S. Milkin, or his heirs or assigns, a tract of land may be described, bounded, sold and containing about 15 acres, be the same more or less.

The undersigned hereby gives notice of his intention to bid at said sale.

RICHARD L. MILLIKIN, Assignee of Mortgage, by H. S. MILLIKIN, Attorney.

Block Island, R. I., April 28th, 1900—17.

For Sale.